

COMMENT OF  
THE DAY

Labour's Future

BETWEEN the plebeian and the bourgeois of Britain there is, or more truly was, more than a social distinction between two classes. For the distinction evoked what has often and erroneously been described as a "class war". More exactly it was a determination which had its roots in the birth of socialism to assert, prescribe and establish the rights of every individual however humble his origin in the emerging liberalism of 20th century society.

There was, in short, also the difference between the discontented and the contented. And where the movement of middle class idealism failed to secure a place in the sun for everyone, the more rational and sensible heirs of the early socialist crusaders have succeeded. Succeeded, furthermore, in eliminating social extremes to the extent that today the two main political forces at work are the "right" and "left" of a vast middle class society.

IN the transition of society, Mr Clement Attlee has played a relatively small role. But in establishing its present structure, he has made his name. His character and temperament as a leader of a revolutionising movement testify to the success of this transition. Posterity may never appreciate his true stature. Even his contemporaries fail to acknowledge it properly. Yet he has done more for the Labour Party than anyone since his Liberal predecessor, David Lloyd George.

His successor, whether it is Mr Morrison or Mr Gaitskell, should not be unkind to his triumph for triumph it is. The welfare state has come and it is Labour's task now to return to an attempt to depress general living standards to a lower common denominator, but to elevate them to a higher one. Can this best be achieved by a young man, or by one of Mr Attlee's own contemporaries?

Mr Morrison, deputy leader of the Party since the death of Ernest Bevin in 1951, undoubtedly deserves preference for his long untiring service, his devotion and intense loyalty. Indeed, many in the Party would prefer him but his age is against a long tenure of office. Mr Gaitskell, a younger man and a former Chancellor of the Exchequer, would therefore seem a logical choice but there is union opposition to his preference of a running mate in the ambitious ex-Bevanite, Mr Harold Wilson.

UNION apprehension was evident in recent committee elections when a number of "young bloods" (between 40 and 60 years old) seeking reorganisation of the Party following its defeat in the general election were beaten by the old and trusty, among them Mr Griffiths, Mr Morrison, Mr Eamshaw and Mr Sam Watson. And as union representation in Parliament consists of about half the Labour seats, a compromise between the Gaitskell and Morrison elements is likely.

Labour's dilemma will be even more sharply defined by the accession of Mr Attlee to the peerage. Now at 72 he will, presumably become Party leader in the House of Lords, so that his influence will not be entirely lost. It is a pity the Party leaders view with suspicion the reaction and change proposed by their junior Mr Bevan, many "young bloods" and any ensuing friction, and it would be disastrous to its prestige in the electorate if it were to be wracked by any new dispute at this stage of its existence when both policy and organisation call for unity.

# ATTLEE MADE A PEER

## Queen Confers An Earldom



### TITLE NOT YET DECIDED

London, Dec. 7. Queen Elizabeth tonight made Mr Clement Attlee an earl following his resignation as leader of the British Labour Party.

An official announcement by Sir Anthony Eden, the Prime Minister, from 10 Downing Street, said: "The Queen has been pleased to approve that the dignity of an earldom be conferred upon Clement Richard Attlee, Order of Merit, Companion of Honour".

Mr Attlee will now be able to sit as a member of the House of Lords, Britain's second chamber.

His earldom means that a parliamentary by-election will be necessary in his constituency of West Walthamstow, near London, where at the May 1955 general election he had a majority of 9,250 votes.

An earldom is a hereditary title, which in this case will descend to his youngest son, Martin, if he outlives his father, and from then on to the eldest male heir of the line. Mr Attlee will "consent" to the title, which he will then be known as Mr Attlee but from tomorrow he will automatically be known as a peer from sitting in the House of Commons.

Any former Prime Minister when he leaves the House of Commons, is entitled to an earldom if he wishes it.

Sir Winston Churchill preferred to remain a commoner when he stood down from the premiership.

"LORD LOVEADUCK"

Political sources said tonight it seemed probable that in his title the Labour statesman will retain the name of Attlee. In the past he has sometimes joked that if ever he went to the House of Lords he would take the title "Lord Loveaduck of Limehouse".

Limehouse is a drab East End London district which he represented in parliament for many years and "loveaduck" is a cockney expression of humorous surprise.

Mr Attlee will be making a clean break with the House of Commons of which he had been a member for 33 years.—Reuter.

### SOCIALISTS HOLD SEAT

Gateshead, Dec. 7. The Labour Party held the seat in the parliamentary by-election here today.

The result, declared just before midnight, was: Mr H. Randath (Labour) 13,196.

Mr David Wright (Conservative) 6,661.

Majority: 6,535.

The result was caused by the death of Mr J. T. Hall, who won the seat in the May 26 general election by 10,339 votes over his Conservative opponent.

In the general election the number who voted was just over 33,000 compared with 19,857 today.

Only 42.25 per cent of the electorate of 48,996, voted today as against 72.5 per cent in May.—Reuter.

### Four Convicted Of Conspiracy

#### Mrs Comer Fined £50 Or 3 Months

London, Dec. 7. Mrs Margaret Comer, mother of two children and wife of a self-styled London gangster king, was fined £50 today for plotting to rig evidence to clear her husband of a knife fight.

Three men in the conspiracy, which has made headlines in British newspapers for the past week, were jailed.

Morris "Molsha" Goldstein, 43, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment. Peter MacDonagh, 45, and Bernard "Sonny" Yank, 53, were jailed for 12 months.

The jury reached their verdict after being out for an hour. Mrs Comer, 71, asked on each side by a waitress, paled when she heard the verdict of guilty.

### Public Outcry

Her fine carried the alternative of three months' imprisonment if it is not paid by January 1.

The Judge, Mr Justice Ormerod, said he was convinced that Goldstein was the ring leader in the conspiracy to rig evidence.

The trial followed public outcry that the law had been broken when Mrs Comer's husband, Jack "Speck" Comer, and another man, Albert Dimes, were acquitted last September of fighting with a man in Cosmopolitan Soho. Both men were badly hurt but both were found not guilty of any offence.

The four accused pleaded not guilty to framing evidence to clear Jack Comer. They were alleged to have bribed an 88-year-old parson, the Reverend Basil Andrews, to give an eye-witness account of the fight, which he never saw.

Summing up, the Judge said that Andrews may have been living on his wife for "a number of years."

He told the jury that the parson, key witness in the eight-day trial, did not regard giving false evidence as a very serious matter.

In the course of years, "the pricking of conscience" might have become blunted, he said.

### Women Weep

When the sentence was pronounced, women burst out weeping. Mrs. Comer's sister, Mrs. M. Comer, who was in the dock, wept bitterly.

The judge's remarks about Andrews' living on his wife for "a number of years" caused a further outburst of weeping.

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### Russia Seeks Pledge Not To Use A & H Weapons

New York, Dec. 7. Mr Vasily Kuznetsov, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister in the political committee of the United Nations, today repeated Russia's call for the Big Four and all other states to pledge themselves not to be the first to use atomic and hydrogen weapons against any country.

In a 4,000-word speech, he repeated the main points of earlier Soviet addresses in the Disarmament Commission and the committee.

Replying to the "paper pledges" charge made against the Soviet Union by Mr Anthony Nutting, British Minister of State for the Foreign Office, he said that the Soviet call was not a paper pledge.

"Such a moral and political obligation would be as important as the international convention on the prohibition of bacteriological and chemical weapons which bears the signature of the United Kingdom," Mr Kuznetsov declared.

Did Mr Nutting consider that convention also to be a paper pledge? he asked.

"As is known, experience proved the vitality of this obligation which no states dared to violate in the course of the Second World War," he said.

### Moral & Political

Condemnation

"Proposing to assume the obligation not to be the first to use atomic weapons, we believe that such a moral and political condemnation of the use of these weapons would lessen the threat of atomic war, and contribute to the consolidation of peace," Mr Kuznetsov said.

While insisting, on such an undertaking, the Soviet Union "at the same time considers it necessary to exert all efforts towards the earliest conclusion of the convention on the reduction of armaments, the prohibition of atomic weapons and the institution of effective international control as provided by the resolution of the General Assembly of November 4, 1954."

### Mutual Distrust

And Tension

But the Western powers "offer to set aside all this work and to proceed to the consideration of the proposal on aerial photography and the exchange of military blueprints, instead of continuing the work of developing an international agreement on the reduction of armaments, the prohibition of atomic weapons and the institution of effective control," Mr Kuznetsov went on.

He repeated his previous assertion that the Eisenhower plan would not reduce the risk of a surprise attack and "would increase mutual distrust and international tension."

The Soviet Union could not, therefore, agree to the proposal in the Western draft resolution before the committee urging that priority be given to execution of such measures on this Eisenhower plan.

### Russia Lays Down A Condition

But the Soviet Union "could treat the proposal of President Eisenhower otherwise if the proposed measures would be integrally connected with fulfilment of the task of stopping the armaments race and prohibiting atomic weapons," he said.

"The question of aerial photography may be considered, but only as one of the forms of control over the implementation of proper international agreements during the final stage of the execution of measures for the reduction of armaments and the prohibition of atomic weapons."

Mr Kuznetsov pledged his country's determination "to find the solution of the disarmament problem and to contribute to the building of international peace and the strengthening of mutual trust."—Reuter.

### Root Collapse

Shanghai, Dec. 7. The heavy rain and strong wind continued today and night, causing a severe flood in the Yangtze River and the surrounding areas.

The flood has caused significant damage to the infrastructure and the lives of many people in the region.

### Cyprus Agreement: Makarios Prepares His Supporters

London, Dec. 7. Archbishop Makarios, leader of the union with the Greek movement prepared his Cypriot followers today for an agreement with Britain.

It is expected before the weekend. The Archbishop issued a statement which urged his supporters to "remain calm pending developments."

He said: "Some days ago we rejected a British proposal which recognised the principle of self-determination but rendered it virtually unobtainable."

Now British policy had assumed a realistic line "which amounted to recognition of the right to self-determination."

This would give the people of Cyprus the right to unite with Greece if they wished.

Today the Archbishop made his first conciliatory move in two years towards British authority. When churchmen climbed into the belly of St John's Cathedral and rang the bells, Makarios ordered his staff "tell them to stop that at once."

The British imposed emergency regulations which forbade the pealing of bells except for religious services.—London Express Service.

### MILITARY PLOT TO OVERTHROW GOVT

Buenos Aires, Dec. 7. A military plot against the new Argentine government in the Andean province of Mendoza has been foiled and several military leaders have been flown to Buenos Aires under arrest, a usually reliable source told Reuter today.

Reports of this conspiracy followed the arrest two days ago of several leading Nationalist supporters of the short-lived government of General Eduardo Lonardi, including his Foreign Minister, Senor Mario Amadeo.

Ministry of the Army officials in Buenos Aires refused to comment on the plot in Mendoza.

President Pedro Aramburu's government has been in power since November 13, when it deposed the government of General Lonardi, which had overthrown the dictatorial Peron regime after nine years in a brief civil war.

The government today issued a long-awaited statement of aims in a press conference given by the Minister of the Interior, Senor Eduardo Busto.

In a 1,200-word written declaration, the government stated: "We are now committed to the task of eliminating all vestiges of totalitarianism and re-establishing the rule of moral justice, right, freedom and democracy."

TO STAY NEUTRAL

It said it would remain neutral before political parties and that no one now in the government would court popular favour with a view to eventual election.

Other aims announced by President Aramburu's government include the re-establishment of "republican administrative austerity" restoring dignity to the civil service, the guarantee of the rights of the Catholic Church and the study of a possible concordat with the Vatican, the encouragement of non-political and independent trade unions, a policy of housing, exploitation of the country's fuel resources, better transport, further industrialisation and the encouragement of foreign investments.—Reuter.

Frankfurt, Dec. 7. So far 25 people are believed killed in the explosion which occurred in a new block of flats here this morning. Another seven are injured.

Rescuers were still working feverishly by floodlight tonight in the hope of extricating further survivors. At least another six persons were believed still buried beneath the wreckage.

The four-storey building in Koenigs-Rasse in the thickly populated Hellersdorf district, went up with a violent roar at 5.37 a.m. The force of the explosion broke the windows of all neighbouring buildings within a hundred-yard radius.

The latest theory about the explosion is that it may have been caused by an unexploded bomb beneath the foundation, relic of the last war. The possibility of sabotage has not been completely rejected.—France-Press.

### 52 COUNTRIES VOTE IN FAVOUR OF UN "PACKAGE DEAL"

New York, Dec. 7. Fifty-two countries today called on the United Nations Security Council to clear the way for the admission of 18 new members, including Japan, to the world organisation before the General Assembly session ends, probably in about a week.

The Assembly's special political committee adopted a resolution to this effect after a four-day debate.

Two countries opposed the permissive paragraph of the resolution and there were five abstentions.

The Security Council, in which the Big Five permanent members have the right to veto has included in the group to be considered before they can be elected by the Assembly.

The committee rejected by 38 votes to seven, with 14 abstentions, a Cuban amendment to have all the 18 countries voted on separately so that the five Communist states could not be admitted automatically with the others under a package deal.

Cuba withdrew a motion to have South Korea and South Vietnam included in the group to be considered because this was an amendment to a Soviet amendment listing the 18 applicant states. The Soviet Union withdrew this.

Before the vote, Nationalist China's delegate, Dr T. F. Tsiang, renewed his threat to veto Outer Mongolia which he had described as a puppet of the Soviet Union.

At the same time, Mr Henry Cabot Lodge of the United States, pledged that his country would not use its veto power on membership questions.

The Soviet Union has taken an "all 18 or none" stand, so that the Chinese could torpedo the entire package deal.

Britain is ready to "acquiesce" in Outer Mongolia's admission in the interests of states she considered qualified. She will abstain from voting on Albania with whom she is in dispute over damage to British shipping in the Corfu Channel.

CHINA AND Cuba were the two countries which voted against the resolution. The United States, Belgium, France, Greece and Israel abstained.

France's W. W. Wuthayakorn of Thailand, chairman of the committee, said afterwards he was "glad" to announce this happy result.

"The overwhelming vote of the committee is a good augury for favourable consideration of this matter by the General Assembly, and I trust by the Security Council as well," he said.

"What we are doing, I am confident, is in the best interests of the United Nations and in accordance with the desire of world public opinion."

He added that the Assembly would take up the committee's recommendations tomorrow morning.

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### Soldiers Sprayed With Gunshots

Nicosia, Dec. 8. A Cypriot terrorist brandishing a tax last night sprayed soldiers, seriously wounding three of them, in another outbreak of violence in this troubled capital.

British troops poured into the area after the shooting and immediately sealed it off.

The terrorists managed to escape, however.

Meanwhile, in the town of Paphos, a bomb was thrown without causing damage or casualties, while at a British camp at Episkopi a water pipeline was blown up and telephone wires cut.

Workers demonstrated at Limassol, shouting for Enosis (union with Greece) "without conditions and without military bases."—France-Press.

### EL GLAOUI HAS OPERATION

Marrakesh, Dec. 7. El Glaoui, today was reported to be in a "very weak" condition after undergoing a stomach operation.

A bulletin issued here by three French physicians said the operation was successful but that the patient was still very weak and the prognosis was "reserved."—France-Press.

### SEAPLANE EXPLODES

Baltimore, Dec. 7. The Seamaster, first multi-jet seaplane, crashed in Chesapeake Bay, near the mouth of the Potomac River, and exploded, the Glenn-Martin Aircraft Company announced today.

It was not known how many persons were on board, the plane normally carries a crew of five. According to first reports, two bodies have been picked up and one survivor saved.

The seaplane, which was on a test flight, was one of the only two of this type which have been constructed up to now.

The Seamaster is a four-jet plane which can reach a speed of 600 miles per hour and can carry a load of 15 tons at a cruising altitude of 10,250 feet.—France-Press.

### DISCOURSES ON MILK AT WINE FESTIVAL

London, Dec. 7. Protest was raised by a Labour Member in the House of Commons today, against the British Ambassador to France, Sir Gladwyn Jebb's participation in the annual French Wine Festival held at the Chateau de Versailles in Versailles.

The Member, Mr. George Young, said that the festival was a "disgrace" and that the ambassador should not be seen at it.

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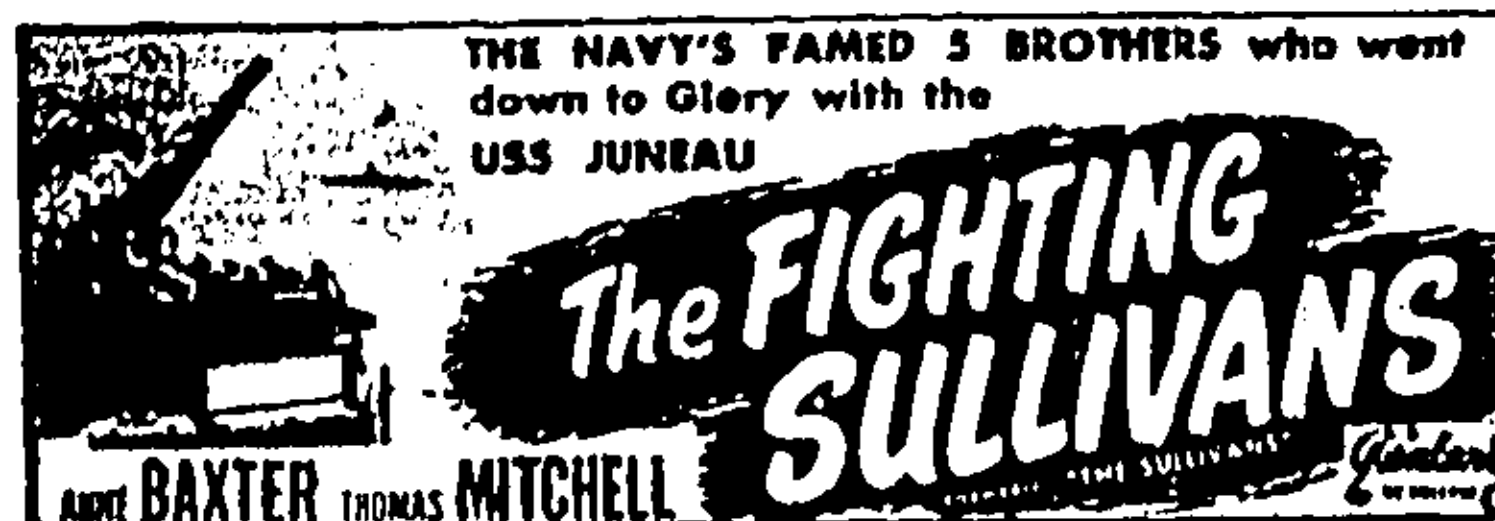


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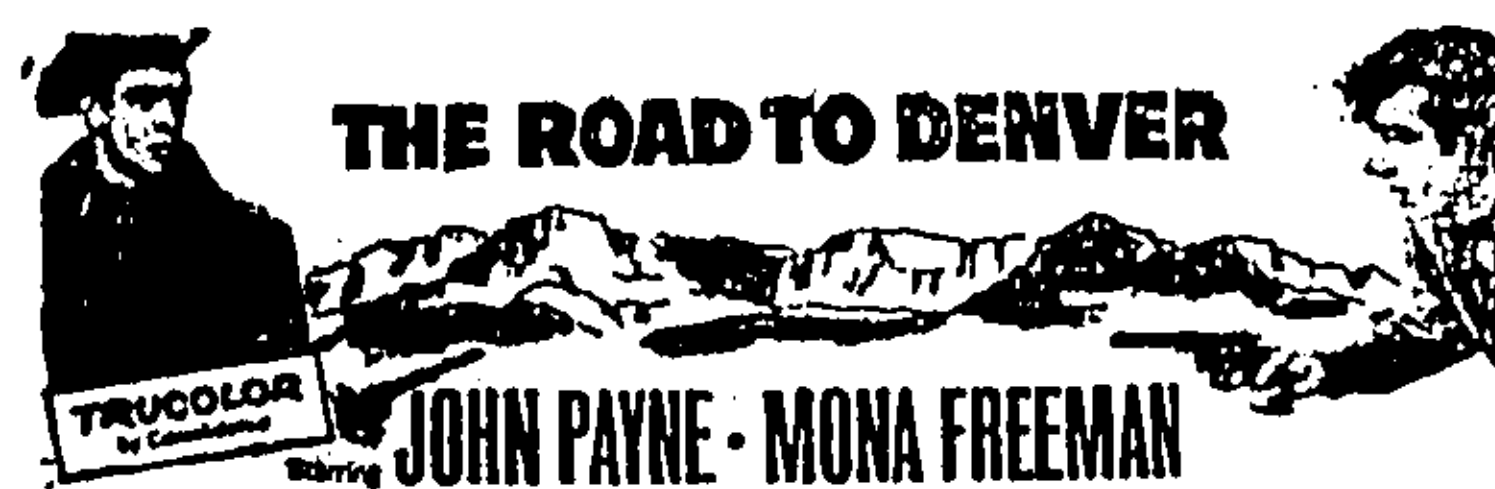
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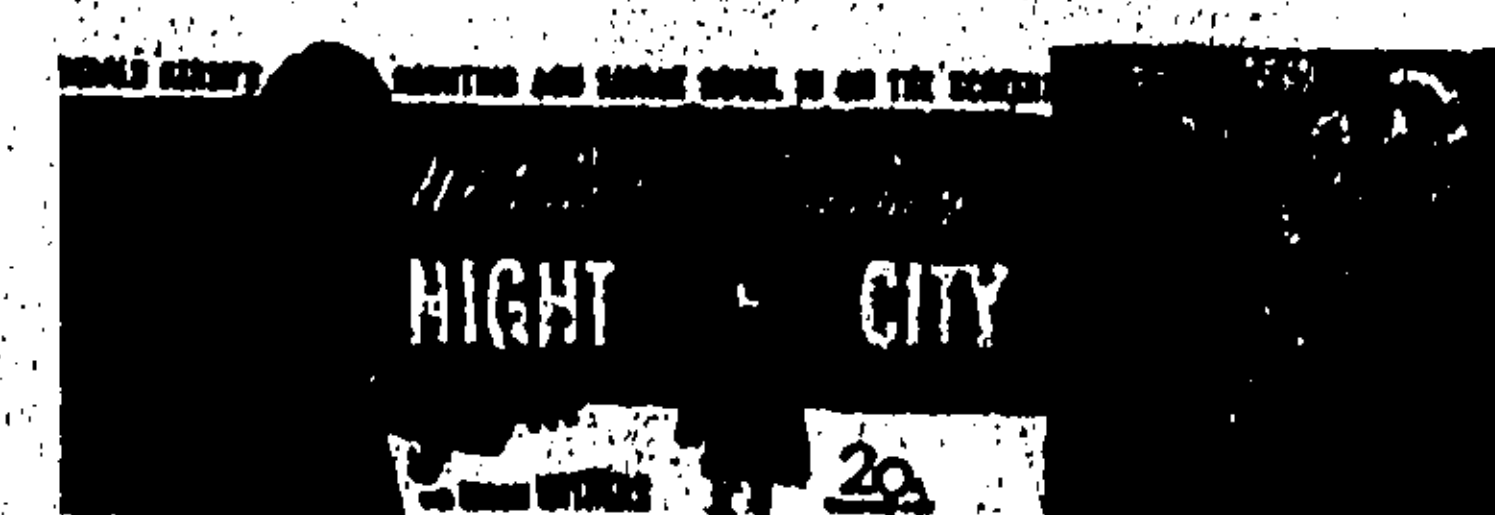
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Commencing To-morrow: "VIRGIN QUEEN" CinemaScope

## WEST GERMANY TAKES STAND ON EXCHANGE OF ENVOYS

This Carpet Enjoys Punishment



A demonstration was held recently in London of "Hardwax-loop"—a new type of carpet claimed to be resistant to fire, mildew, moths and beetles. The carpet is made of Ardlil and wool, or Ardlil and viscose rayon, according to grade, and has a rot-proof backing of plastic. Manufacturers say it will give three times the wear of a normal cut pile carpet. Picture shows British TV personality Mary McLeod using a blow-lamp on the carpet to test its fireproof qualities. — Express Photo.

## South Africa Not Returning To UN This Session

United Nations, Dec. 7.

The Union of South Africa announced today that it will not return to the current session of the United Nations despite yesterday's decisions refusing to continue the UN commission investigating the Union's racial policies.

South Africa walked out of the Assembly on November 9 when the UN Special Political Committee adopted a resolution extending the commission for another year.

## S. Korea Would Recognise Jap Line

Seoul, Dec. 8.

South Korea's Foreign Minister said today his government would recognise a fishery line drawn around Japan similar to Korea's Rhee Line, which Japan rejects.

Foreign Minister Cho Chung Whan told the United Press in an interview that a 50-50 division of fishery grounds in the Japan Sea "has been Korea's stand all along." Cho was asked if Korea would abide by a 60-mile offshore line around Japan. He replied: "Yes, of course."

The Republic of Korea has threatened to defend with gunfire its claim of 60 miles of territorial waters against invading Japanese fishing and government patrol craft. Japan refused to accept the Korean claim.

Foreign Minister Cho said Korea "welcomes" American efforts to solve the problem. But he added that he doubted that US mediation will be necessary because "there will be no serious crisis over the peace (Rhee) line that would cause the US to use its influence with either of the two nations." — United Press.

The office of the South African Consulate-General in New York issued today a statement made by Minister of External Affairs Eric H. Louw in Pretoria. He said: "The final resolution... expressed concern about South Africa's racial policy... (and) repeats the United Nations interference in the domestic affairs of the Union which led to the withdrawal of our delegation from the present session. 'It must, therefore, be obvious that the terms of the final resolution will preclude the return of the Union delegation during the present session.'

## Opens Door

"The decision not to place the... enquiry into South Africa's racial policy on next year's agenda opens the door for the return of the Union delegation to the 1956 session."

"But there is still on the agenda the proposal of the Government of India which concerns the treatment of persons of Indian origin who are Union nationals. This proposal is as much an interference in the domestic affairs of South Africa as is the appointment of the Santa Cruz (racial investigation) Committee."

"The Union Government's attitude in regard to the next session of the United Nations will be determined by the action taken by the Assembly on the Indian complaint now and at the commencement of the following session. If it should again be placed on the agenda." — United Press.

By Ian Fraser

Bonn, Dec. 7.  
Dr Heinrich von Brentano, the West German Foreign Minister, said today that West Germany would break off diplomatic relations with any country which exchanged ambassadors with the Communist East German republic.

If any of the Soviet satellite states, all of which have ambassadors in East Berlin, propose diplomatic relations with West Germany, West Germany will refuse, he said.

## Avalanche Death

Roll Now 15

Vienna, Dec. 7.

The death toll of this winter's first big avalanche disaster rose to 15 after Austrian mountain rescue teams today found the bodies of the last five missing victims.

A group of 18 workers of a hydro-electric power plant at Kaprun in the province of Salzburg was buried under a huge snowslide.

Three survived, but were seriously injured. — United Press.

## 'Russians Rough On Britain'

London, Dec. 7.

Mr Herbert Morrison, one of the men being considered to replace Mr Clement Attlee as Labour Party leader, today called current Russian criticism of Britain "rather rough."

He said in a speech that Communist Party Secretary Nikita Khrushchev has spoken "with a good deal of frankness and aggressiveness in regard to the governments of the West."

"I think it is rather rough that we British should be described in our relations with India and Burma as a tyrannical lot of people, as vindictive or as nasty bits of work," Mr Morrison said.

## Perfectly True

"It is perfectly true," he said, "that there has been an intensification of our relations with India and Burma, but frankly, if I were to be a victim of imperialism I sooner would be the victim of that kind of imperialism rather than a citizen of one of the countries behind the Iron Curtain."

Mr Morrison said there had been "some talk" of cancelling the proposed visit to Britain next spring of Khrushchev and Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

For his part, he said, he would let them come. "While I resent the harsh things being said, I think it would be a mistake if our Government were to seek to cancel the visit," he said. "Let them come. I think we would be spiteful, childish, and would not improve relations between the countries to get bad tempered and say, 'You have said certain things about us. We don't want you to come to our country.'"

United Press.

"There should be no doubt whatsoever about our attitude on this point," Dr von Brentano said in an interview with Reuters.

## Russian Aims

Western Germany had agreed to exchange ambassadors with the Soviet Union, which also has an ambassador in East Berlin, purely to promote the cause of German unity.

Western Germany would not set up consulates in the Soviet Union, Dr von Brentano said. The West German Foreign Office view is understood to be that one of the chief aims of the post-Geneva European policy of the Soviet Union is to extract recognition of Eastern Germany from the Western powers.

## Future Policy

Dr von Brentano will inform his foreign missions at a two-day ambassadors' conference starting here tomorrow of the consequences of the Geneva conference's failure and the policy line to be adopted for the future.

The conference, the largest of its kind ever held in Bonn, will be made up of 26 ambassadors and ministers from all the West European capitals, including the Vatican, and from important overseas centres.

Dr von Brentano will impress on the ambassadors the dangers for Germany and for the rest of the world which might arise if the Western powers lose interest in German reunification and rest content with the present uneasy equilibrium between East and West.

The next discussions to elaborate a joint Western policy for Germany and for the rest of the world will take place in Paris next week during the ministerial conferences of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the Western European Union.

Dr von Brentano expects to have talks with Mr John Foster Dulles, the United States Secretary of State, Mr Harold Macmillan and Mr Antoine Pinay, British and French foreign ministers, on this subject.

## After Eden

It is understood Dr von Brentano will visit Washington in February for talks with Mr Dulles. These would follow immediately after conference between President Eisenhower and Sir Anthony Eden, which is to take place at the end of January.

Dr Konrad Adenauer, the Chancellor, is contemplating a journey to the United States in the summer, it is learnt. It will be his third trip to that country. — Reuters.

## Ship Sails With New Captain

Colombo, Dec. 7.  
The Pakistan ship Minchhor, which sailed from here today bound for Poland after a day's call at Port Blair, was earlier today from Karachi. The vessel had been held up by a cyclone in the Bay of Bengal. The ship was damaged and the crew was stranded. The ship was later rescued and the crew was brought back to port. — United Press.

## QUEEN'S &amp; ALHAMBRA

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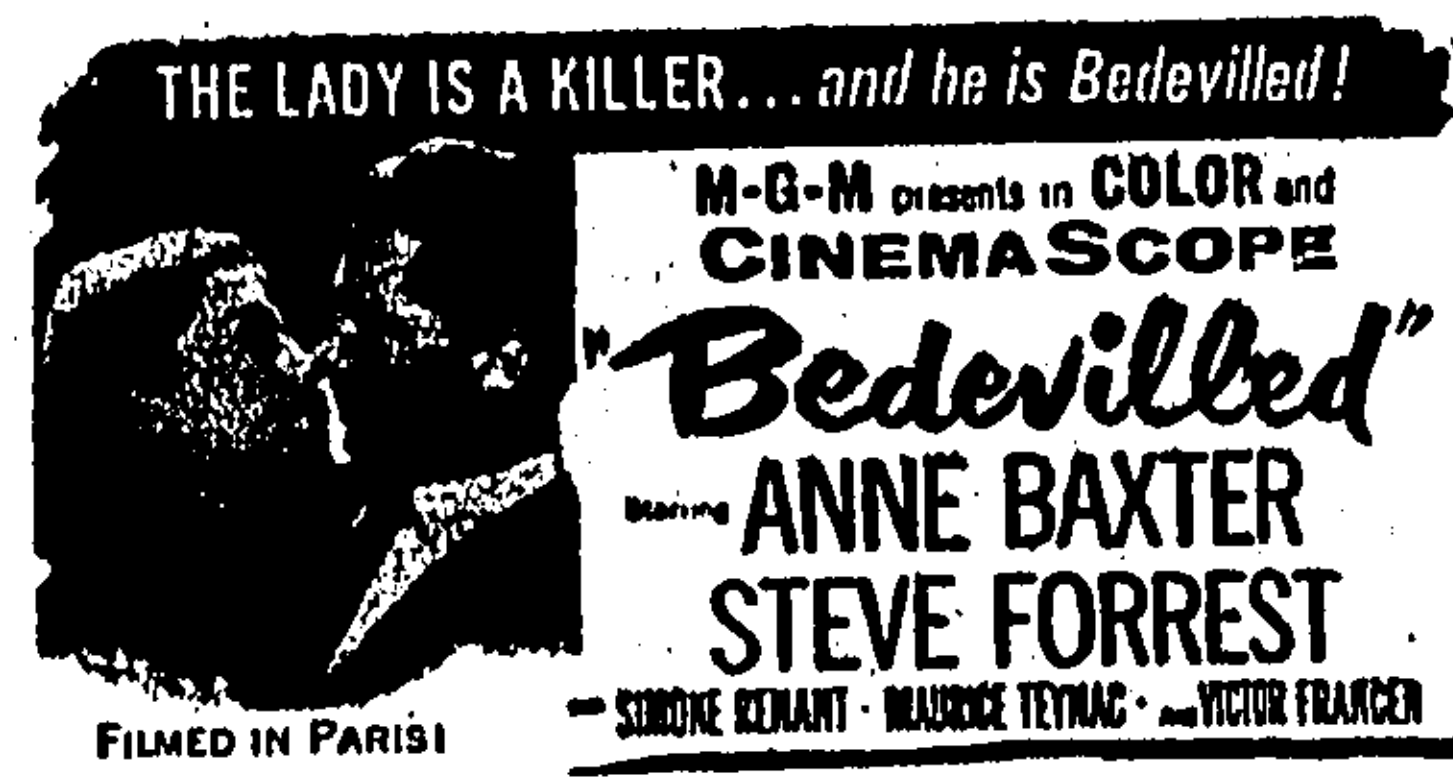


To-morrow! Gina Lollobrigida in "GAME OF LOVE" — Eastman Color —

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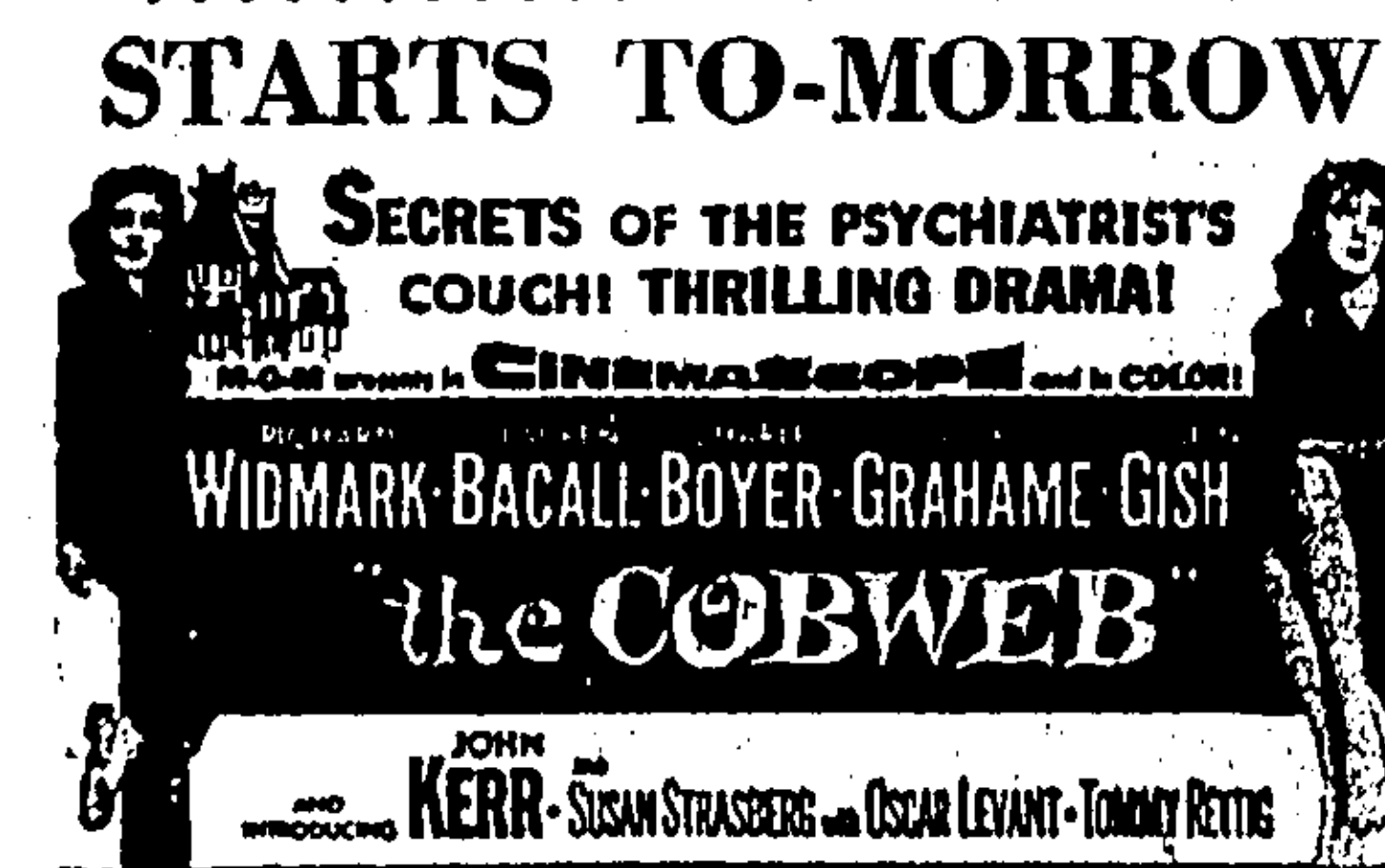
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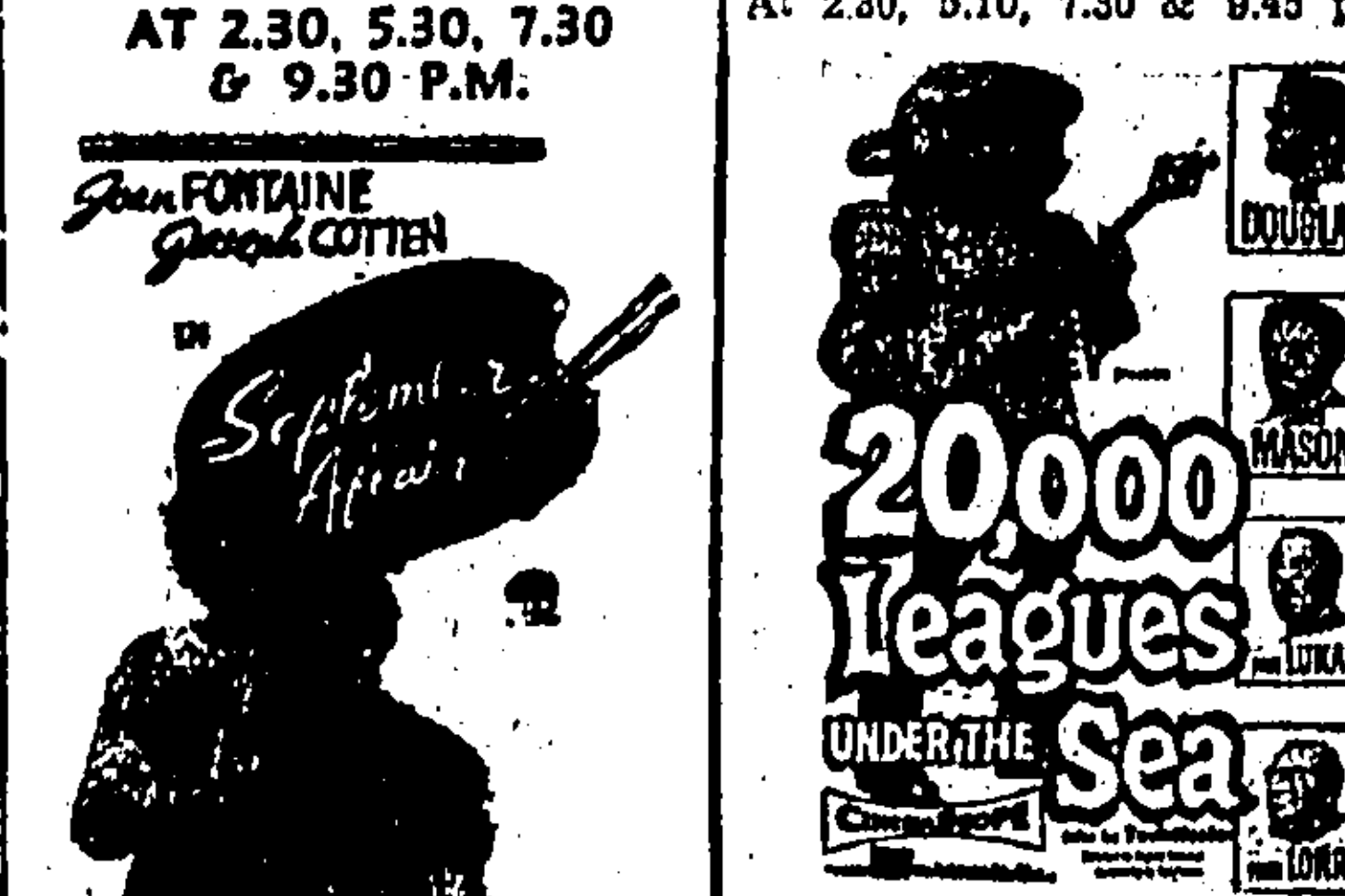
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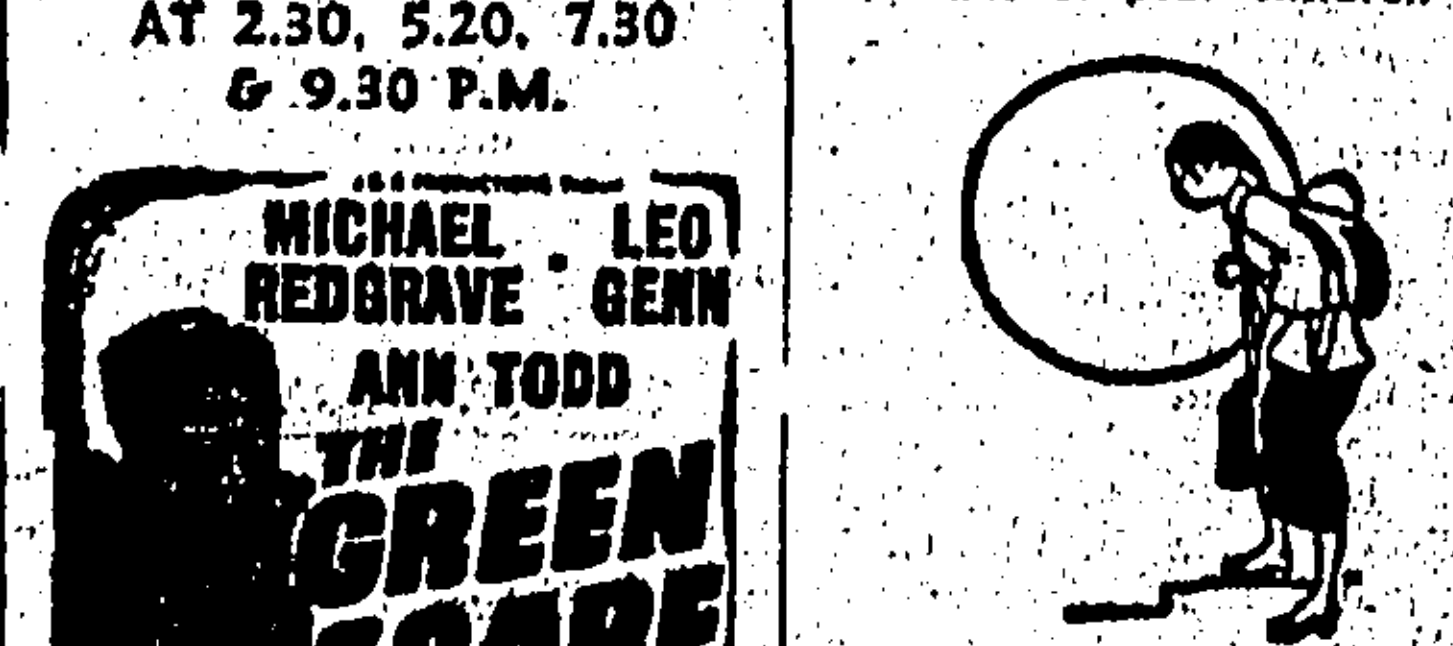
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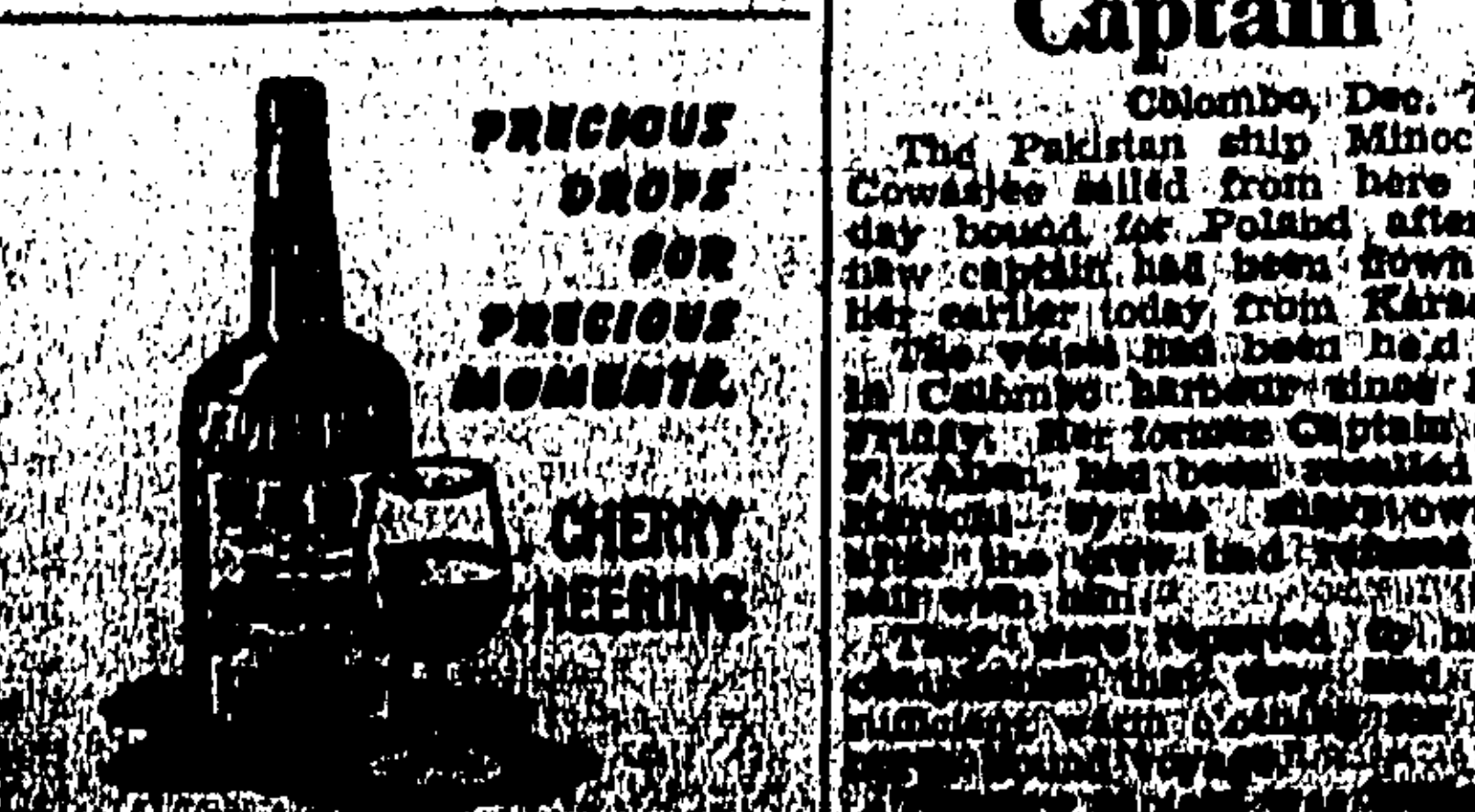
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# ★★ Blistering Attack In United Nations ★★ Syria Alle ges West Responsible

## For Tension INTERFERENCE IN MIDDLE EAST

United Nations, Dec. 7.

Syria charged today that the West and not the Soviet Union was responsible for Middle East tension and demanded a Big Four pledge of a "hands-off" policy for the Arab world.

Syrian Ambassador Ahmad Shukairy, in a blistering speech in the United Nations main political committee debate on disarmament and international tension, declared that if Western policy in the Middle East is not challenged, "tomorrow or the day after the Eastern powers would not hesitate to interfere in the affairs of Asia, Africa and South America."

The question of Middle East defence and arms deals, he declared, was outside the authority of the Western powers.

"It is clear beyond any doubt that tension in the Middle East has neither been created nor intensified by the Soviet Union," he said. "The truth is that the disturbed conditions of the Middle East are the making of the world powers."

### Israel Denounced

His speech included a denunciation of Israeli appeals to the West to halt Czechoslovakian arms shipments to Egypt and other Arab states. The injection of this question into the Geneva Foreign Ministers' meetings, he said, "explains in part the failure of the Geneva conference."

Shukairy also blamed the West for trying to suppress North African liberation movements and declared that the Arabs were determined to wipe out all vestiges of colonialism.

"The Soviet Union has not a single military base in the Middle East," he said. "The Soviet Union has not authorized any single citizen in the Middle East...."

"It is not the Soviet Union who is suppressing the liberation movement in North Africa. It is not the Soviet Union who has created this great tragedy of the Palestine question. It is not the Soviet Union who is bombarding the southern coasts of Yemen; all this is the record of the Western powers in the Middle East in the last 150 years."

His references to Yemen and Burundi were to disputes between the Arabs and Britain.

Shukairy said the Western powers can "not only ease the tension of the Middle East but eradicate it entirely."

He continued: "We are determined to emancipate the Arab world from the relics of imperialism, from the vestiges of colonialism, and from all expressions of aggression. The Arab world is striving to secure its unity and liberty. We shall develop our national life without failing to gain any liberty wherever we find it."

Noting that the US has stated that information on American policy can be obtained directly from it and not through the press, Shukairy demanded that US Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge answer these questions:

"1. Is it true that NATO divisions trained in atomic practices have been dispatched to North Africa?"

"2. Is it one of the objectives of NATO to defeat the wishes of the people of North Africa?"

"3. Is the liberation movement in North Africa considered an act of aggression that should be repelled by NATO forces?"

### Up To Powers

It was up to the great powers, he said, "to avoid the tempest before it is too late" and added that efforts to solve international tension should start with the Arab world.

On this basis, Shukairy said, he invited the United States, Soviet Union, Britain and France "to accept a policy declaring the following principles:

"1. To recognize the independence of all territories not yet independent in the Arab world."

"2. To abstain from any interference, domination, infiltration and any activity against any territory in the Arab world."

"3. To conduct relations with the Arab world on the basis of mutual understanding, respect and equality."

### What Authority?

To the Western powers in general, Shukairy addressed three other questions demanding to know "by what authority" the West:

"1. 'Interferes in the plans for the defence of other countries and other peoples.'"

"2. 'Seeks to halt arms shipments to the Middle East.'"

"3. 'Empowered to judge the Middle East arms balance.'"

Shukairy said "I am not here to defend the Soviet Union against criticisms by the United Kingdom. But the matter primarily is one which belongs to the Middle East and not to the Soviet Union."

Western demand that a balance of power be maintained in the Middle East, he said, could not be upheld since the Arab nations are sovereign states and "no longer under mandate or tutelage."

"To proclaim a policy in regard to the armaments of the Middle East is nothing but an encroachment on the sovereignty of the Middle East states," he said.—United Press.

### Press Censorship

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 7. The Brazilian Government shortly will impose press censorship in Rio de Janeiro, Brazilian newspapers reported today.

The newspaper reports said that persons wishing to leave the capital would be required to produce a statement from the censor. The censor, however, has not yet been named. The reports also said that the censor would be a member of the military.



The Spyros Marcho, at 47,750 tons deadweight, the world's largest tanker, which was launched last Friday. The tanker, pictured here a week before the launching, is the largest merchant ship to be built in Britain since the war, and will carry crude oil from the Persian Gulf to United Kingdom ports.—Reuterphoto.

## STRIKE HITS WEST COAST SHIPPING

San Francisco, Dec. 7.

A STRIKE of AFL marine firemen idled three ships in West Coast harbours today and threatened to idle three more in the next day or two.

The firemen called the strike to back their demands for vacation pay equal to that received by the AFL sailors and marine cooks and stewards.

The action affects firms belonging to the Pacific Maritime Association. It may eventually involve 150 ships.

The first ship struck was the China Transport Lines, which was supposed to have sailed from San Francisco on Sunday with Christmas mail for servicemen in the Orient.

The walkout spread yesterday to Los Angeles harbour, hitting the P & T Leader of the Pope and Talbot Lines and the Santa Flavia of the Grace Lines.

### Vacation Pay

The strike was the result of a vacation pay provision in the new master contract covering 6,000 AFL sailors, marine firemen and marine cooks and stewards.

The sailors and cooks chose a package deal that provided a base pay and eliminated extra pay for certain unpleasant duties.

The firemen chose a package deal that kept the extra pay and bonus provisions, but provided a much lower base pay.

Vacation pay is computed from the monthly base. Hence, the firemen found out they will get less vacation pay than the sailors and cooks.—United Press.

## Austrian Himalayan Expedition

Vienna, Dec. 7.

An Austrian six-man expedition will leave here next spring for the unconquered 28,114 feet "Gasherbrum 2" peak in Kashmir. The Austrian Himalayan Club announced here today.

The climbers, who will make attempts on four other Himalayan peaks, will train this winter at Gross Glockner, the Austrian Alps. They will follow a new experimental diet which excludes "tobacco and alcohol."—France-Press.

### Russians' Hostess

New Delhi, Dec. 7.

Mrs. Indira Gandhi, daughter of the Indian Premier, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, will go to Moscow to accompany the Soviet Premier, Nikita Khrushchev, on his visit to India. Mrs. Gandhi will be accompanied by Mrs. Lal Bahadur Shastri, Minister of Information, and Mrs. Biju Patnaik, Minister of Industries.

## US Going Slow On Israel's Arms Appeal

Washington, Dec. 7.

The United States probably will delay a decision on Israel's arms request until next year despite an appeal for fast action, officials said today.

They said the matter still is being carefully weighed by the Defence and State Departments and more time is required for final decision.

### Portugal's Dispute

With India

## DULLES DID U.S. GREAT DISSERVICE

New York, Dec. 7.

New York's Governor, Averell Harriman, said today that the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, did the United States "a great disservice" this week when he associated it with Portugal in the dispute over Goa.

Mr. Harriman, who is a candidate for the Democrat no-

Israel last month asked the United States to sell it defensive weapons on bargain basement terms to offset Communist weapons being delivered to Egypt. The size of the Israeli request "is not known, but its aim is to counteract the Czech-Egyptian deal which involved between \$75,000,000 and \$100,000,000 of weapons."

### Sharett Surprised

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett asked Secretary of State John Foster Dulles yesterday to speed up US consideration of the request. He said he got the impression Israel's request is under "very active consideration."

Mr. Sharett also said he expressed Israel's surprise at reports of Western optimism about an Arab-Israeli peace settlement. He said such optimism is "entirely unfounded" and that Mr. Dulles apparently did not share the rosy view either.

Mr. Dulles told a press conference yesterday he saw "concrete developments" moving toward an Arab-Israeli settlement but added that the "possibilities in our opinion still exist."

How to exploit these possibilities is likely to be one of the big topics for discussion by President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden when the latter comes to the United States next month.

### British Suggestion

The British have suggested territorial concessions by Israel as a basis of Arab-Israeli negotiations and the United States has talked of "border adjustments."

Mr. Sharett said yesterday that "Israel will not cede territory." But he indicated his government might be willing to make minor border adjustments in an effort to get a final peace.—United Press.

## Journalist Wants Catholic Paper For Asia

Manila, Dec. 7.

An Australian Catholic journalist today urged delegates to the first Asian congress of lay apostolate meeting here to set up a daily newspaper for distribution in Asia.

Mr. Doyle, of the Catholic Journalists Guild of Australia, said the newspaper should be controlled by the "Roman Catholic Church."

Mr. Doyle, who is attending the congress as an observer, said the daily should be published after the British Catholic newspaper, Tablet, and Catholic Herald.

### Letters For Santa

London, Dec. 7.

A giant United States Air Force Super-Jet will fly to the North Pole from the Burlington (Vermont) air base next December 27-29 to deliver some 10,000 letters to Santa Claus.

# World Socialists Pay Tribute To Attlee

Paris, Dec. 7.

Socialist party leaders and heads of state throughout the world paid tribute to Mr. Clement Attlee who today (Wednesday) resigned as leader of the British Labour Party after 20 years in office.

They commented on his efforts as British Prime Minister and Opposition leader to advance the causes of democracy and socialism in Britain, the Commonwealth and other parts of the world.

Reuter correspondents reported the following tributes from world centres:

**COPENHAGEN:** The Danish Prime Minister and leader of the Social Democratic (labour) Party Mr. H. C. Hansen said Mr. Attlee had been a "farseeing and clever leader" who was universally respected by the whole international socialist movement.

**PARIS:** M. Guy Mollet, Secretary-General of the French Socialist Party, said that Mr. Attlee provided an example for the world's socialists by 25 years of work in English socialism which was "solid, tenacious, realistic and efficient." Democrats and Socialists in Europe had been encouraged in the "double struggle against communism and reaction" by the example of English socialism, he said.

**BONN:** Herr Ollenhauer said the Attlee Government's decision to give India and Burma independence "should set the world an example of a way to stop communism in the Far East."

**KARACHI:** Mr. Hamidul Haque Chowdhury, Pakistan Foreign Minister, said that Mr. Attlee "will be remembered as long as the independence of this sub-continent is remembered."

**COLOMBO:** Mr. S. R. D. Bandaranaike, leader of the Opposition in the Ceylon House of Representatives, said that Mr. Attlee "carved out for himself an important niche in history, and played an important part in shaping the future of the world" by having the courage to give freedom to Asian countries such as India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon.

**ROME:** Signor Giuseppe Saragat, leader of Italy's Social Democrat Party, said that "no one in our time has contributed more than Mr. Attlee to the advancement of the conditions of life of the working classes."

"He has thought it is possible to build a more just economic society while at the same time consolidating political liberty,"—Reuter.

## Give Us Our Football Pools Says Soldier

Singapore, Dec. 7.

FOOTBALL pools to the British Tommy (in Malaya) are his link with home, said Cpl. H. J. Harrison, stationed in Kemayan, North Malaya.

Corporal Harrison, in a letter to the Straits Times, expressed disappointment at the lack of definite announcement by the governments of the Federation of Malaya and Singapore whether to allow betting of British football pools here.

"After all the jungle bashing we are doing in Malaya," he said, "surely we warrant some consideration."

### Pleasant Hours

"But in the jungle away from all entertainment our football pools become our sole pleasure. We spend hours working out 'form' to fill in the coupons and many a pleasant hour is spent with our pals chatting about them."

The letter added, "If the government object to local inhabitants participating in football pools the answer is to confine it to British troops and civilians holding a United Kingdom passport."

He concluded by appealing to the Chief Ministers of Malaya and Singapore to "allow the British troops and civilians to participate in football pools."

## Russia Snubs US Surplus Offer

Washington, Dec. 7.

RUSSIA has snubbed a US offer to sell it surplus American farm products, it was disclosed today.

The offer made by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles at the recent Geneva Foreign Ministers' meeting was snubbed by Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov.

A State Department spokesman said Mr. Dulles showed no response when Mr. Dulles said at a private meeting on November 13 that the prospects for normal trade between the two countries were large, particularly in the field of farm surpluses.

The trade question came up just three days before the end of the Geneva meeting. During the conference, the Big Four foreign ministers and their advisers made no progress on ending East-West tensions. One of the trade problems which were most discussed by lower level experts, Mr. Dulles had a long talk with Molotov on various subjects on November 13. It was during this private talk that Molotov brought up the general subject of trade between the two countries.

### Normal Trade

Mr. Dulles informed Mr. Molotov that normal trade possibilities were large, but he emphasized he was making a distinction between "normal" type of trade and trade in strategic items which are carefully and rigidly controlled by the United States.

Mr. Dulles told Mr. Molotov it certainly was "no great secret" to point out that the United States had large farm surpluses which the Soviet people presumably could use, the spokesman said.

"To this suggestion Mr. Molotov made no response," he added. The United States has large stocks of surplus wheat, corn, cotton, rice, cheese, butter, grain sorghums, barley, dried milk and oats. The Government has 1,000,000,000 bushels of wheat. The Government has been searching for some way to reduce these stocks. There has been hope that Russia would take over some of the surpluses.—United Press.

## KING SAUD IMPRESSED BY INDIA

Bangalore, Dec. 7.

King Saud of Saudi Arabia, at present on a visit to India, said here today that it was now the duty of the people of India and Arabia to strengthen the historic relationship established between the two countries, and to open new vistas for increased friendship.

Replying to a civic reception given him by the Bangalore Municipal Corporation, King Saud said he was struck by the great strides made by India since her independence.

"He thanked the Indian people for the interest they had shown in him and in the Saudi Arabian people, which had fostered a bond of friendship between the two countries, which had been strengthened during various visits to India, he said."

At a state banquet held in his honour tonight, the Chief Minister of Mysore, Mr. K. Hanumanth Nayaka, said that now that India was independent, the old contacts and relationship between the two countries, which had been strengthened during various visits to India, could be made closer and lasting.

## ROYAL ARMY ATTACKED

Vientiane, Laos, Dec. 7. Communist-led Pathet Lao and Vietminh troops attacked the Royal Army in a fierce battle raging in north Laos. It was announced today.

The army announced that the attack was launched two days ago in the Sam Neua region where battles have raged almost since the Indo-China armistice in the summer of 1954.

The attack came on the post of Mouang Phou, 20 miles southwest of Sam Neua, capital of the northern province of the same name.

Royal Army headquarters said the garrison counter-attacked and forced the enemy to retreat with heavy losses.

Fighting still was going on but there were no details.—United Press.

## BURMESE GRATEFUL FOR ADVICE —PRAVDA

Moscow, Dec. 7.

The Soviet Communist Party newspaper, Pravda, said in a dispatch from Rangoon today that Russia's friendship for the Burmese was "poles apart" from what was brought to Burma over many years "by those from foreign lands."

Referring to the joint Soviet-Burmese statement signed in Rangoon yesterday, Pravda's two correspondents in Rangoon said that efforts by the "pro-fascist liars of the bourgeois press" to misrepresent speeches by the visiting Russian leaders "are doomed to fail."

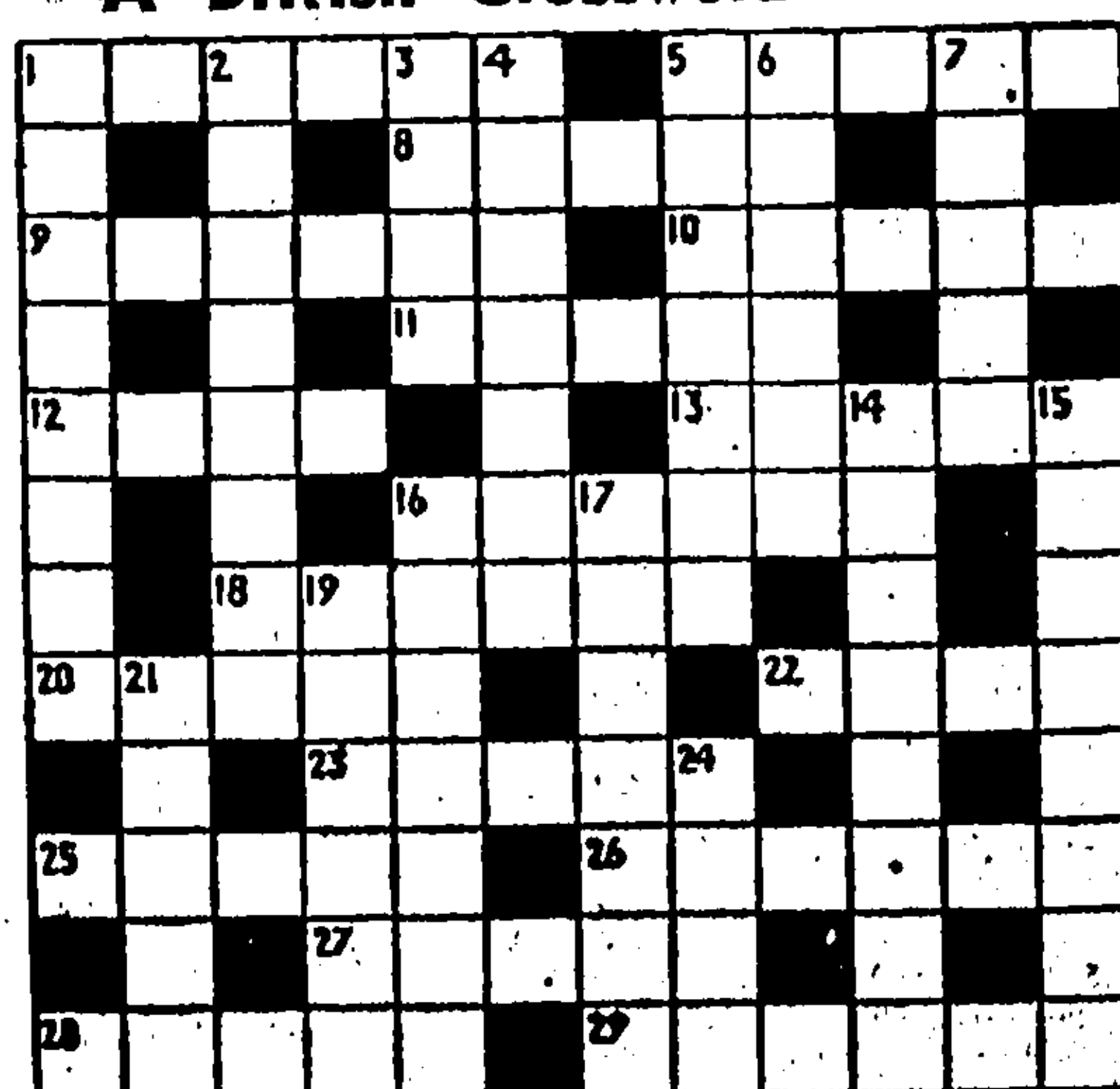
### Rapt Interest

"The Burmese listen with rapt interest to the advice given by Mr. Nikita Khrushchev (the Soviet Communist Party chief) and Marshal Bulganin (Soviet Prime Minister) and are gratefully receiving it," the correspondents said.

"The Burmese see for themselves that the Soviet Union is not pursuing selfish interests in establishing friendly relations with other countries.

The Burmese had their own problems in the struggle to consolidate their independence, the correspondents said, but Burma and the Soviet Union were united "by community of interests and of tasks in the international arena."—China Mail Special.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS:**
- Alfresco meal (6).
  - Extent (6).
  - Drugged (5).
  - Tends (6).
  - Arab boots (5).
  - Supply (5).
  - Cause (4).
  - Rub out (6).
  - Divorced (6).
  - Value (6).
  - Blockheads (5).
  - Unaccompanied (4).
  - Bring up (5).
  - Mature (6).
  - Freeholder (6).
  - Guide (5).
  - Extort (5).
  - Respectable (6).
- DOWN:**
- Chastised (8).
  - NCO (8).
  - Certain dates (4).
  - Garb (7).
  - Compensation (7).
  - Slack to (6).
  - Garments (6).
  - Recommend (8).
  - Executant (8).
  - Agrees to (7).
  - Took without right (7).
  - Agent (6).
  - Kind of window (6).
  - Ancestor (4).

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD:** Across: 1. List, 2. Sabot, 3. Idea, 4. Sure, 5. Dope, 6. Slew, 7. Kite, 8. Out, 9. Orie, 10. Owl, 11. Blod, 12. Trail, 13. Err, 14. Archaic, 15. Cape, 16. Menu, 17. Snare, 18. Block, 19. Down, 20. Haven, 21. Com, 22. Idle, 23. Inure, 24. Star, 25. Sled, 26. Sled, 27. Sled, 28. Sled, 29. Sled.



Like patient, elegant cranes they stare at us from glossy magazines and windy street-corners. They are the top models, the girls who are more closely inspected and publicized than film stars—until the Model's Ruin sets in....

## The Five-Year Faces

By AMANDA MARSHALL

It was only a very few years ago that, stuck in a traffic jam one night in Oxford Street, I looked at the neighbouring line of cars and spied one of the then most famous faces in the country, gazing, serene and aloof, over the wheel of a slinky drop-head: Miss Barbara Goulen, then at the height of her success as the model whose name everyone knew, in immaculate splendour, looking like every male undergraduate's dream of home.

As the lights changed and she purred away, a still, small question dropped into my head: how long can even the greatest model hold her public?

More closely inspected, admired and publicized than any film star, these new girls have become known by name, and recognised not only on glossy pages but on windy street-corners as they stand like patient, elegant cranes, their feet pointing fashionably east and west, with a photographer and one or two lesser mortals in attendance.

### A warning

They have one ambition—to get to the top while they have their health, strength, looks and sunniness. And at the top they face The Model's Ruin—the time may come when they have been seen too often, or little lines are beginning to crease round their eyes, and the Great Public begins to say "oh, no, not her again?"

Cecil Beaton, who should know, has recorded the awful warning: "The highest paid model in New York can hope for a successful span of five years." The greatest exception to the rule is, of course, Lisa Fongarives, whose astonishing beauty, whose astonishing bones and mobile, extra-feminine beauty, the colour of pale corn, have stood the test of two children and no small number of years under the all-revealing lights of the world's greatest photographers, including her husband, Irving Penn.

Think of some of the famous modelling names of today—and then think of how long you will want to go on looking at their remarkable faces. Jean Patchett, the slant-eyed, long-legged American with the colouring of a ripe apricot and

a look of interesting malice—Sue Abraham, the golden English rose, whose dramatic, generous features combine a model's exaggerated beauty with an unexpected touch of the clean wholesomeness and shining health of the nicest sort of public school girl... Fiona Campbell-Walter, the ravishing, red-headed, peach-fed sister of Dorian Leigh (who was always Beaton's favourite model), had the prudence to buy a camera and is now herself a successful fashion photographer—using some neat tricks she learned from working the other side of the lens with masters at the game.

How long will these present front-line few stride across newspaper and art paper, wearing everything from swimsuits to chin-to-toe mutation minks?

### Wise girls

The wise girls fit their little bows with a second string for spare. It may be marriage. It may be a complementary career. Susan Parker, the ravishing, red-headed, peach-fed sister of Dorian Leigh (who was always Beaton's favourite model), had the prudence to buy a camera and is now herself a successful fashion photographer—using some neat tricks she learned from working the other side of the lens with masters at the game.

Elina, one of the most intelligent and ambitious models in Paris, works with Givenchy and plays tennis with Aly Khan. Sheila Wilson, not so very long ago a most-in-demand model, has moved smartly into the fashion-editing field while her looks are still at their best.

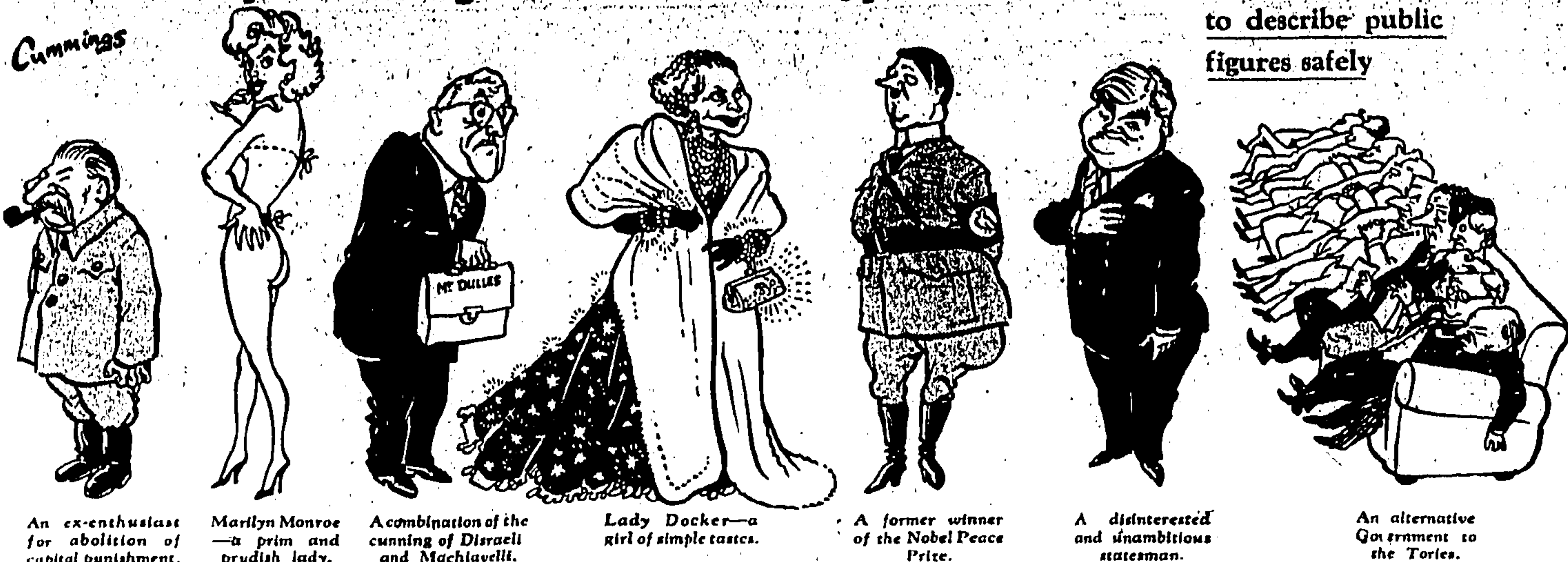
Elsa Martinelli, the 20-year-old Italian with the fashionable lost-urchin face, is already filming in Hollywood, with the example of that vintage ext-model, Lauren Bacall, to guide her.

### Amateur talent

These days the professional model's career is menaced by amateur talent. At any moment a girl from Clifton, an Espresso-waitress, or a debutante with an old family name may be photographically discovered, and their will be the new faces to punch at least a thousand new hairs and A-to-Z-line couture clothes.

Since her marriage and retirement who dreams of wanting to look like the once-so-gazed-at Miss Goulen? And how long will we all love that bright little face with the white-blond crop, that sparkles so merrily at us over so many bottles of milk on so many hoardings?

## RAPPED for calling BULGANIN a 'hypocrite'



An ex-enthusiast for abolition of capital punishment.

Marilyn Monroe—a prim and prudish lady.

A combination of the cunning of Disraeli and Machiavelli.

Lady Docker—a girl of simple tastes.

A former winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

A disinterested and unambitious statesman.

An alternative Government to the Tories.

London Express Service

## ★ DON IDDON'S DIARY ★

# CAN IKE BE THINKING OF CHANGING HIS MIND?

NEW YORK, Tuesday. NEW YORK throbs with politics. The big city is much more preoccupied with political manoeuvring than the vast spaces and spread-out towns of the West.

You will, perhaps, remember my recent Diary in which I said that ex-Governor Thomas Dewey was my long-range hunch as Republican standard-bearer in the Presidential campaign.

Since then Mr Dewey has completed his world tour and is back in New York. He has refused all comment on his political future until now.

Mr Dewey has written to one of his most enthusiastic supporters, Mr Peter Rottoli, who sent the ex-Governor my article. Mr Dewey writes: "Mr Iddon has certainly written a gallant piece and I appreciate it."

"The fact is that I am completely convinced that both the United States and the world need the President's leadership so desperately that I cannot think in any terms other than his re-election."

Now Mr Dewey knows how sick the President has been. He knows that the heart attack was dangerous, and that there might even be more attacks. He is aware that the President's doctors have refrained from saying at this time that Mr Eisenhower is fit enough to run again.

### No statement

A FEW days ago Mr Eisenhower and Mr Dewey conferred, but no statement was issued.

The question is: Can Ike be weakening in his resolve not to run again for office? Tremendous pressure is being put upon the President, day after day and

week after week to consider running again.

The Republicans know that without Ike as their leader at the next election they are beat.

Mr Leonard Hall, chairman of the Republican National Committee, has been seeing Mr Eisenhower and although he says he did not discuss campaign plans he convinced no one.

Mrs Eisenhower and her mother, Mrs John Doud, have been strongly opposed to the President assuming more gigantic burdens, but during the past few days Mrs Eisenhower has told friends that although she does not want her husband to run again she has certainly not been pressing the President to retire from public life.

Miss Ruth Montgomery, journalist and author and close friend of Mrs Eisenhower, says: "Those who know the First Lady best say she has never tried

to impose her will on Ike in anything regarding his career."

The confidante of the Eisenhowers also says that the President is finding his restricted life on the farm in Gettysburg, with only occasional trips to the nearby Camp David, rather boring (I must say when I was in Gettysburg recently I found it anything but stimulating).

### Anyone's guess

EISENHOWER is a man of great energy and wide-spread interests. He has a voracious appetite for life. Some of his friends say: "We cannot see Ike being content to stick out there in the sticks for the rest of his years."

So today it is anyone's guess what the President will decide.

Although it is almost a year before the actual elec-

tion takes place, the political pot is seething. The Republicans are denouncing attacks by the Democrats on the country's foreign policy as unpatriotic.

The Democrats say it is the duty of the Opposition to oppose loyally.

Adlai Stevenson, who seems to have the Democrat nomination within his grasp, has been fairly mild in his criticism, but the other rivals for the prize, Governor Harriman and Senator Kefauver, have been using the bludgeon.

Stevenson is for "moderation," Harriman is for violent assault.

Vice-president Nixon is maintaining a steadfast calm at ex-President Truman's alleged statement in Los Angeles: "I don't even want to discuss that blank, blank, blank."

Mr Truman has denied the statement, although it was reported by two separate Los Angeles newspapers.

The U.S. motor-car industry is impressed by the announce-

ment of the Ferguson wonder car; impressed and envious. Just when I had been saying the British motor-car industry was lagging behind the Americans and asking when we were going to adopt self-change transmission, electrically operated windows and seats, wrap-around windshields, along comes Ferguson with his car which makes the latest Detroit product as old-fashioned as the Ford Model "T."

### Too big

HOW Ford wishes today that they had never quarrelled with Ferguson. It is now obvious that Ferguson was not worth a mere \$3,500,000 damages. General Motors would willingly pay him ten times this sum for his services and his patents.

Here the Road Safety Council and motoring clubs are criticising the 1955 models as being too big, too wide, too powerful, and too brassy. Incidentally, I have almost completed replying to the letters I received when I was in England commenting on my American car.

If you care, I am considering trading it in for a Ferguson Special.

As I have seen so little of New York lately and this is the height of a big, busy season, I took in the other night with Squadron Leader Geoffrey Page, D.S.O., D.F.C., and Squadron Leader Anthony Bartley, D.F.C., but even these heroes and beauty-obsessed were exhausted by the merry-go-round.

### Pandemonium

EL Morocco was packed pandemonium. We had only been in the place five minutes when we halted and were being hailed by Maurice Chevalier, Cole Porter, Ann Todd, Broderick Crawford, Gregory Ratoff, and, of course, Elsa Maxwell (this is the name-dropping department).

Elsa, who is as vigorous at 72 as she was at 17, was giving a dinner in the Champagne Room and her guests, who included Mrs William Randolph Hearst, escaped, occasionally from there to the zebra-striped room.

Chevalier, who is being published here on the King of Hearts playing cards captioned "The King is Back" looks fatter and greener, but he is very droll.

Ann Todd is being greatly sought after here, and could sign a dozen contracts if her commitments would allow.

Broadway and Café Society are booming; each supports the other.

### Comeback

THE hottest name in show business is the crooner Sinatra, who used to be called "The Voice" and was the teenage delight but now is producer, director and actor.

Sinatra, three years ago, was said to be washed up, finished, and sung-out. Today he is among the top-boys. He has five new pictures on show this year, and demonstrates his versatility.

Frankie boy has become a man and rarely brags in the press. He has matured, he has mellowed, he is marvelous. People here say that this will be the best Christmas ever and that Sinatra is the best Christmas gift in the world.

## "IT WAS ALMOST FRIGHTENING TO LISTEN TO BRIDEY MURPHY"

# WAS THIS A VOICE FROM THE DEAD?

IN London a week or so ago I listened to the voice of Bridey Murphy—coming (so some people believe) from the remote world of County Cork in Ireland one hundred and fifty years ago.

It was a tense, almost terrifying experience. We were warned that the tape recordings made by Morey Bernstein were a little frightening, that some women had fainted on hearing them.

But none of the small group of investigators with me was quite prepared for what we did hear.

By some unintentional trick of the microphone held near Margaret's face, it sounded as if we were listening to some awful inquisition. Margaret's answers to the purring questions of her interrogator came in little whispering gasps.

Bernstein's recording apparatus was only for use in the home. It lacked the voice control refinements of a bigger recorder. In fact, Margaret's breathing was as peaceful and natural as if she were asleep (which she was).

When Margaret, a young American housewife, was hypnotised by an amateur, Morey Bernstein, she started to describe life in Ireland 150 years ago. She said her name was Bridey Murphy and she went into great detail. She used words that were unknown to her as a modern American girl. Was she really speaking of a former life? Opinion is divided. Now an investigator has listened to the voice of Bridey—on recordings made by Bernstein.

By Peter Earle

At first Margaret's voice was her own—the relaxed, flat accent of the Middle West, and it was adult.

Answering Morey's questions, she told us what schools she went to in her childhood, who her friends were, and where they sat in class. He took her back from the age of seven to five years. Her favourite game was hopscotch. She had a doll called "Bubbles."

At three, I suddenly realised something had happened to Margaret's voice; it was the voice of a child of three.

"A wonderful fake," was my first thought. But then Morey took her back to infancy.

He asked her what she said when she wanted to drink. She pronounced the word "water" as a child would who had not yet learned to enunciate properly, and in a kind of faint, pleading cry. "And what did she say for milk?" Some moments of painful gasping and then: "I don't know... can't say it... can't," and she sounded almost in tears, like a baby.

Then Morey Bernstein did something that must have rocked the world of the mind. He asked her to describe the kitchen to which some of her mother's friends came to see her. "But to return to the second floor," she said. "While Mrs. Bernstein is recording of her life, she made some Bridey scenes and spoke in some half a dozen recordings her scenes. Some are poor, but the account of the kitchen was the best. It was the kitchen of the old house in New York. The old house was the house of the first Lady."

name for New York) is limited by the fact she died in infancy. But it is to Ireland that the subconscious mind of Margaret is drawn most strongly—to the days when she says he was Bridey Murphy.

Bridey Murphy was a young Cork colleen who married a promising young barrister. He was the guilty of a girl who enjoyed life, and it is heard on the recording in a lovely, lilting Irish brogue.

But as Bridey traces her long life in Ireland, so her voice ages. The brogue is there, but the tone is no longer that of a colleen—a young girl. The voice matures.

As Morey Bernstein progresses in his questions and drives Margaret deeper into the life of Bridey, certain Americanisms disappear entirely from her.

It is in the middle of the Bridey story that the crisis occurs. Morey is questioning her about Belfast when suddenly Bridey says: "I want a linen."

The Bernstein did not realize that Bridey wanted a handkerchief. Mrs Bernstein thought she wanted a drink and went to the kitchen to fetch some for her. "But to return to the second floor," she said. "While Mrs. Bernstein is recording of her life, she made some Bridey scenes and spoke in some half a dozen recordings her scenes. Some are poor, but the account of the kitchen was the best. It was the kitchen of the old house in New York. The old house was the house of the first Lady."

the realisation of the unexpected turn which the situation had taken.

Morey Bernstein no longer had a hypnotised Margaret in the life of Bridey Murphy in his chair. He had a wide-awake Margaret who still had the mind of Bridey!

The recording tape betrays the agonised panic in Morey's voice as he urges Margaret to "sleep again... sleep... sleep."

On the tape comes the anxious mutter of witnesses to the recording, and Bridey's voice crying painfully, "The linen, hasn't anybody got a linen?" Then she falls back asleep again and her deep gasping breath is the only sound on the tape.

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During this sequence my palms were clammy. I glanced at my companions. They sat bolt upright in their chairs. With relief we heard the palmer voice of Morey Bernstein continue the gentle questioning of Margaret and her once again quiet answers.

It is a dangerous thing to meddle with the unknown. After the scene of Margaret waking up, it could be argued that Morey was very unwise in deciding to try an even riskier experiment.

Could he take the hypnotised Margaret into the realm of death itself?

The atmosphere in our record playing cubicle was electric as we heard Morey gradually work up to precisely this point on the tape. Bridey now is an old woman. Her voice is querulous and occasionally bad-tempered. When she is asked to elaborate on an Irish word, like "Cushlanin" (a legendary giant), she does so eagerly, at last, patience with inquisitive children.

Breathlessly we waited for the answer. Bridey's voice is faint, bewildered. "I stayed in the house," she says.

For the next few minutes Bridey describes a strange existence in a shadowy land. She can see living people, talk to them—but they don't answer. She sees dead friends and speaks with them.

Bridey tells of an existence devoid of hate, love, physical sensation, and sleep. It is a lonely, sad world with neither night nor day.

Bridey says: "It is a waiting place until you are reborn. Nobody tells you—you are just suddenly born again."

Fantastic? Fake? Blasphemy?

One can argue about the Bridey Murphy recordings for ever.

Why does she not mention great events like the Irish potato famine which killed vast numbers, and through which she must have lived? There are a dozen such questions. But Morey Bernstein is not a trained interviewer and the hypothesis is often exhausting both for him and Margaret.

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If the whole thing is a fake, it is a very clever one. And the experts with whom I talked after the session, confessed they couldn't see how such an elaborate hoax could have been conceived, far less executed.

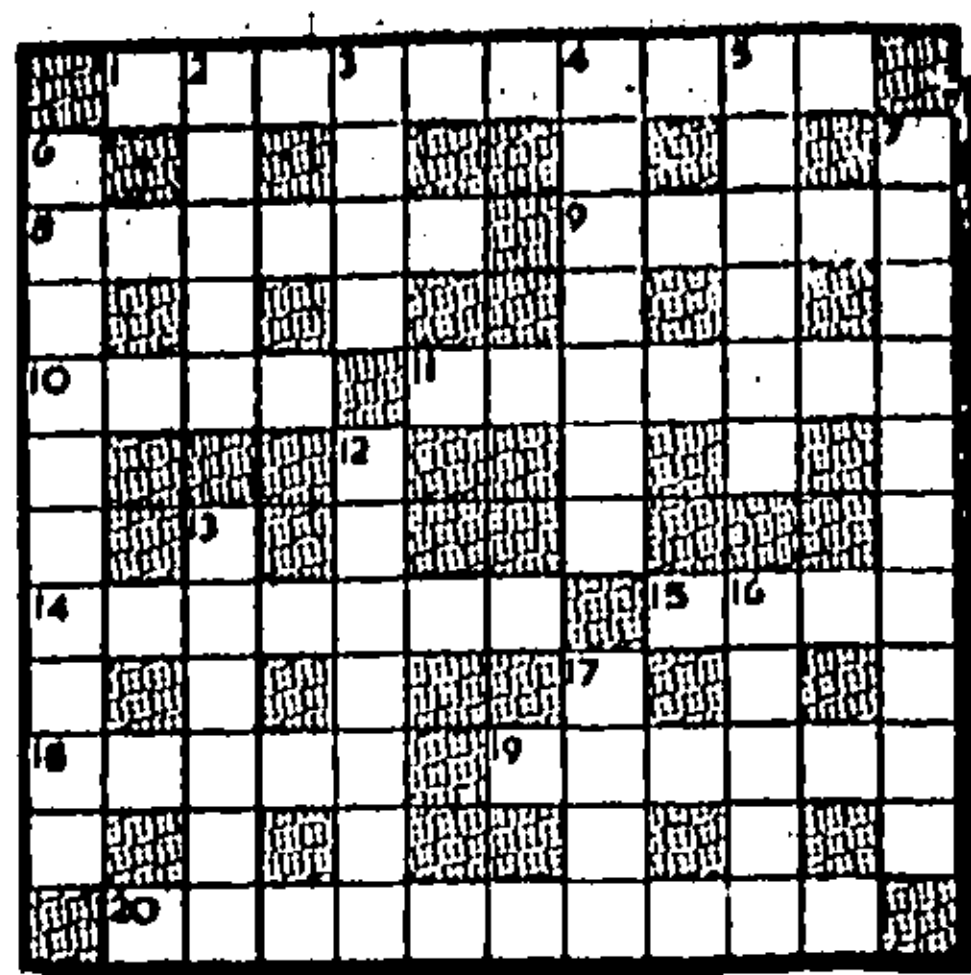
Negotiations are in progress for a condensed version of the Bridey Murphy tape to be sold in record form in the British Isles. In America, such a record is given away free with a book of poetry. Bernstein has written about Bridey Murphy.

He and his publishers want to know whether there was ever a real Bridey Murphy whose life was similar to that described about Margaret in the tapes. The Bridey Murphy recordings may be the most convincing and the most interesting of the many so-called "past life" tapes.



## CROSSWORD

- Across
1. His general gets the radio licence money (10)
  2. White for the Navy (5)
  3. It's short for a county (5)
  4. It's long for "to" (14)
  5. He likes to think a move ahead (7)
  6. Newcomer (7)
  7. Bugle one has to be learned by 14 across (4)
- Down
8. Associated with here (9)
  9. Do they wash in these down at the docks? (10)
  10. Without glamour, maybe (10)
  11. Dazzle is joined at this (5)
  12. Price tickets (8)
  13. It's a tip-up in the sun (7)
  14. A leg in West London (10)
  15. Start to get well again (10)
  16. This brings the singers nearer (10)
  17. This may get you out of a tight place (7)
  18. Film people would be negative personalities without this (10)
  19. It's a stranger here (10)
  20. The parties agree in this (14)



Yesterday's solution

## YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

BORN today, you have a keen interest in human affairs and it can find its best expression in well-fare work of historical or sociological writing. Your keen sense of analysis stands you in well, for you are able to handle matters without resorting to unnecessary red tape. Your keen sense of humour makes it possible for you to discover the foibles of mankind and to make them ridiculous out of existence.

You are, in youth, fond of taking outdoor sports and all competitive games. You may need to curb this, however, lest it detract from your reaching the true intellectual heights to which your latest talents could catapult you.

Able to talk well in public, you probably will be a fine lecturer. Fortune is the cause that causes your interest for you will come upon in its behalf relentlessly.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22) — Think very carefully before acting or anything of vital importance or you may regret it. Better to wait.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20) — This may be the right evening to let down tensions, forget serious matters, and really go out on the town.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) — Not your day to be aggressive. Let others make the big move. Conserve your back seat, for a change, and listen.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) — Use great diplomacy and finesse in coping with anyone who makes an attempt to be annoying.

ARIES (March 21-April 20) — You will find that courtesy really pays. Be careful not to antagonize someone who is important to you.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21) — This may turn out to be a really big social evening. Conserve your energies during the day for the event.

## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

## Pick Time To Draw Trumps

By OSWALD JACOBY

TODAY'S hand is an exercise in drawing trumps. There is a right time and a wrong time to draw them, and the hand illustrates the difference.

West led the jack of clubs, and South pulled the third round. South drew one round of trumps, with the ace, and then switched to the queen of diamonds. South didn't lead a second trump because then the player with the ace of diamonds would take the diamond trick and lead a third round of trumps.

As the cards were played, West took the queen of diamonds with his ace and returned a diamond. Since only one trump had been led, West was in no position to do any damage.

South won the second round of diamonds with the king and drew a second round of trumps with dummy's queen. Then he once more abandoned the trumps.

This time South turned his attention to hearts. He took the ace to hearts, ending in his own hand with the queen. This would have been perfectly safe if each opponent held three

## BY THE WAY... by Beachcomber

THE loss of a complete pack of hounds in the middle of a fox-hunt was reported the other day. The hounds went into a wood and disappeared, leaving the human beings at the mercy of the fox, with no hounds to protect them.

I am ready to bet that more than one hound-hunter has carried an extra pack of hounds in the car. "Oh, Millie, I fear I have but winged Reynard," said Captain

Mansueto to give him the coup de grace.

In passing

"PERSONALITIES," says my paper, have added their names to a petition to get a home for the aged moved from a Brighton square. Among the horrible sights to which these retired people are exposed is that of old men searching the gutters for cigarette ends. Weighing in also hang up instead of being sent to a good laundry. Probably the old men have so far lost their self-respect as not even to dress for dinner. What on earth do they do with all their money? One of the petitioners made everything exasperatingly clear by saying that he didn't want anyone turned out, but thought the old men should go somewhere else. Perhaps the old men don't want the petitioners turned out, but think they should go somewhere else.

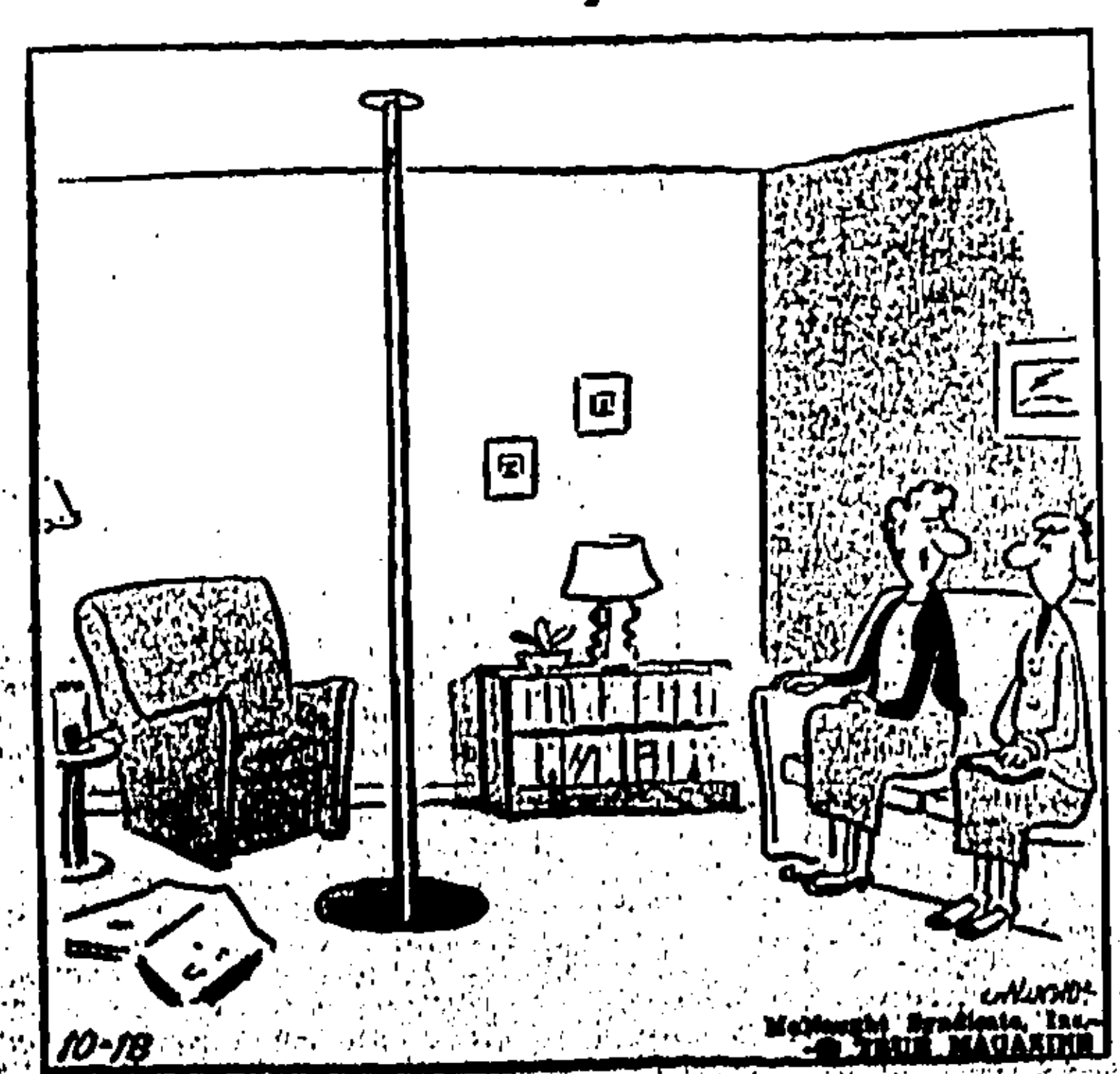
A new angle

WHEN "The Dam Busters" film was shown in America, it is said that they cut out the interesting scene showing Major Flynn leading the charge of the Beaufighters which captured the Mohave Dam.

The forlorn hope

CAPTAIN FOULENTOUGH ran into a friend for whom he had placed a bet at Lewen. The horse lost. "Never mind," said the friend. "I had a good run for my money." "You've had a different sort of run for your money if it had won," said Captain. "How do you mean?" asked Foulentough. "I mean," said Foulentough, "I fear, down on your later." After five minutes' silent drinking, the friend said: "I think you did." "To that forlorn hope," said Foulentough. "I drink. I myself sometimes hope I don't mean what I think I do, but it never works."

## This Funny World



"Happier has a bar in the cellar."

NORTH			5
♦ Q72	♦ K64	♦ 8765	♦ K63
WEST (D)			EAST
♦ J93	♦ 105	♦ 105	♦ J8
♦ 1052	♦ 105	♦ 105	♦ 105
♦ J109	♦ 105	♦ 105	♦ 105
SOUTH			6
♦ AK604	♦ AQ73	♦ KQ	♦ 52
Neither side vul.			
West North East South	Pass Pass Pass Pass	Pass Pass Pass Pass	
Pass 2 Pass 1	Pass 2 Pass 1	Pass 2 Pass 1	
Pass 2 Pass 1	Pass 2 Pass 1	Pass 2 Pass 1	
Opening lead—♦ J			

hearts, since both defenders would have to follow suit. If that were the case, South would then draw the last trump and cash the 13th heart.

As it happened, the hearts were 4-2. South's last heart could not, therefore, be established. The only way South could avoid the loss of a trump trick was to leave a trump in dummy to ruff his last heart. This meant that South had to leave one trump out in the hand of a defender.

Was it dangerous for South to leave one trump out? Of course it was. If the opponent with short hearts had the last trump, he would ruff the second or third heart and defeat the contract. In that case, however, the contract would be unmakeable.

The only hope was that the hearts would be 3-3 or that the opponent with short hearts would have only two trumps. This was actually the case, and South was able to cash his last heart in dummy without running into trouble. He then got back to his hand by ruffing a diamond and was able to draw the last trump on the very last trick.

## WORD SEARCH

Q—The bidding has been: West North East South  
1 Heart 1 Spade Pass 7  
You, South, hold:  
AKSS Q754 AK75 44  
What do you do?  
A—Bid two spades. With 10 points, four aces, and a doubleton you can afford to make this bid. If your partner had maximum values for his overall, your side may have a game. The contract should be quite safe even if he had a minimum overall.

TODAY'S QUESTION  
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:  
AKSS Q754 AK75 44  
What do you do?  
Answer: Two spades.

## WOMANSENSE

## Navy And White For Next Summer



At a London display of summer fashions, French model Simone wore this attractive dress of navy and white crisp cotton. The long-line bodice is fitted and sleeveless; the skirt is a swirl of pleats.—London Express Service.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

## A Pleasant Surprise

—The Shadow Boy And Archibald Exchange Favours—

By MAX TRELL

ONE day Knarf, who was a shadow, met Archibald, who happened to be a caterpillar. They met at the foot of the garden wall. It was a lovely day.

"Hello, Archibald," said Knarf.

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Then a funny thing happened. Both Knarf the shadow and Archibald the caterpillar spoke at the same time. "I wonder if you'd do me a favour—" they both said together.

"I've never heard a caterpillar laugh, but I'm told by those who have that it sounds like two pieces of soap rubbed together in a bathtub."

"What is your favour?" Knarf asked the caterpillar.

"Well," answered Archibald, "I'd like to fly in the air like a bird. Where can I buy a pair of wings? You'd do me a great favour if you'd tell me."

"Now that isn't much of a favour to ask me," said Knarf, smiling at the caterpillar.

## A Pair of Wings

"Isn't it?" said Archibald, looking surprised. "I thought it might be a very great favour. Well, since it isn't much of a favour, would you please tell me where I can buy a pair of wings so that I can fly in the air like a bird and not have to crawl around like a bug?"

"You don't have to buy yourself a pair of wings," Knarf said to the caterpillar. "You'll grow them."

"I will? Are you sure?"

"There," said Knarf, pointing to a butterfly which at that moment came fluttering over the top of the garden wall, "that's how you'll fly, Archibald!"

## Beautiful Creature

"Like a butterfly?" cried Archibald in astonishment. "But I'm only a caterpillar. How will I ever be able to fly like that beautiful creature?"

"You will," answered Knarf. "You'll become a butterfly all right. Every butterfly you see was once a caterpillar."

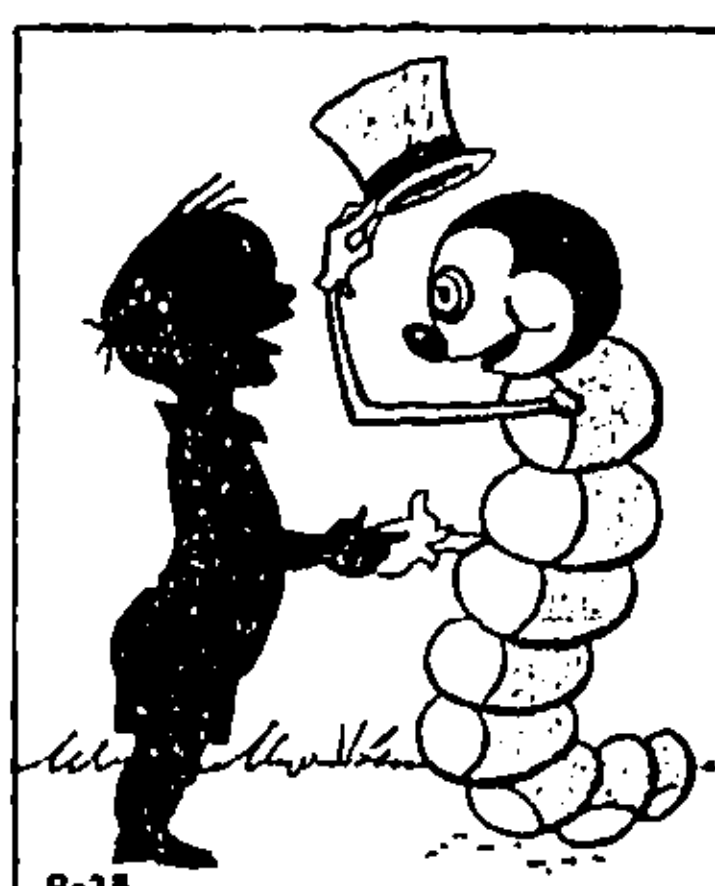
Archibald could hardly contain himself for happiness. But then he remembered that Knarf had not yet asked his favour. "If it is anything I can do," Archibald said, "I'll do it with all my heart. You've made me very, very, very happy today!"

Knarf said: "There's a lovely red-checked apple. It is at the tippy-top of the apple tree. I can't climb up that high to get it."

"I'll climb up and get it for you," said Archibald the caterpillar.

"That's the favour I was going to ask you," said Knarf.

So Archibald the caterpillar climbed slowly but steadily up to the tippy-top of the apple



"Hello Knarf," said Archibald.

tree. Then he cut the stem of the lovely red-checked apple that he found hanging there. He cut the stem with his sharp tongue.

Knarf caught the apple as it fell down.

## Happiness For Two

"Come down," Knarf called up to the tippy-top of the apple tree where Archibald was still standing. "Share my apple with me."

"Thank you, thank you very much," Archibald called down. "I feel quite sleepy. I'm going to go to sleep...right...up...here."

And so, while Knarf munched his red-checked apple, Archibald the caterpillar spun a silken cradle for himself at the tippy-top of the apple tree and went to sleep to dream of how he would wake up and fly with wings like a butterfly, and not have to keep on crawling around like a bug.

## The Best Way To Prepare And Cook Vegetables

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

"WITH your permission, Madame," said Chef, "I will read a few notes I have made on the subject of preparing vegetables for cooking."

"Scrub and rinse all root vegetables thoroughly. Wash peas, lima and all shell beans in the pod—not after podding them."

"Wash all greens and salad plants thoroughly in cold water. After washing, rinse greens to be cooked, such as spinach or kale, in warm water to remove any grit or sand."

"Cook root vegetables with the skin on if possible. If it must be removed, pare very thin; a potato peeler is good and very quick for peeling most root vegetables."

"If vegetables are to be cut in dice or julienne, do this just before cooking, because exposure to air causes the vitamins to deteriorate. Never allow vegetables to stand in cold water after making ready to cook. No exceptions."

## Before Baking

"Scrub all vegetables to be baked. Do not peel. Dry and rub all over lightly with fat before putting into the oven."

"When winter or acorn squash is to be baked, cut or saw into halves with a meat saw. Remove the pulp and seeds. Turn upside-down on an oiled pan to bake. This keeps the pulp soft."

"There are a few things I'd like to add, Chef," I said.

"When boiling or stewing vegetables add as much monosodium glutamate to the liquid as salt, to heighten the fresh, youthful flavour lost soon after harvesting. And remember, the less water the better. Pressure-cooking is the best and quickest method—three or four minutes and it's done."

## Panning Vegetables

This is the best way to plain-cook vegetables top-of-the-range.

Use a pot with a tight-fitting cover. Heat-resistant glass is preferable, as one can then watch the water level. Put in the prepared vegetable, salt, and monosodium glutamate. Add boiling water to the depth of 1 in.; cover and steam-bill until bite-tender and of bright colour. The liquid should have evaporated.

Add 1 tbsp. butter (preferably unsalted) to each 2 cups of vegetable (add a squeeze of lemon or lime to a naturally sweet vegetable) or pour in ¼ c. sweet or commercial sour cream.

## Dinner

Cottage Cheese Vegetable Salads  
Boiled Smoked Beef Tongue  
Flaky Potatoes  
Herbaceous Sauce  
Mashed Turnip  
Little Fruit Plates  
Coffee Tea Milk

Little Fruit Plates: Use bread and butter plates. Arrange in each a few sections, slices or pieces of chilled fresh fruits—such as melon, pears, plums, seedless grapes and banana fingers, tinned pineapple fingers, orange or grapefruit sections. Sprinkle with a mere drizzle of powdered confectioner's sugar.

## Trick of the Chef

Season mashed turnip with butter and a little lemon juice.

## Are You The Woman Mr Right Married?

By JEANNE D'ARCY

IT'S terrible the way we women get into a rut. Three years (sometimes less) after the wedding bells chime out, all too many of us aren't the adorable darlings we were in the days when Mr Right was paying court.

Think about it yourself. If the shoe fits you, better change it.

hold the same appeal for him. Don't you forget it. We just wish some wives would get wise to themselves. You can't be turned out for a chorus line when you're doing kitchen chores or spending a quiet evening at home. And there's no need for it!

All we're saying is this: don't lose interest in your appearance. You can look pretty in work clothes that are neat and trim. You can be a bright spot at the end of his long, hard day at the office if you just take a fraction of the time you used to spend in single days to apply make-up and tidy yourself up.

## Household Hints

Three tablespoons of baking soda in a quart of warm water make a good cleaning and deodorizing solution for washing defrosted refrigerator or freezer, and for cleaning bread and lunch boxes. Follow the washing with a clear water rinse.

Remove cheese from the refrigerator about an hour before serving to get its best flavour—at room temperatures.

Highly salted foods, if left standing for long in aluminium pots and pans, can cause the insides to pit and can make the pans difficult to clean.

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## Rupert's Deep Sea Adventure—46



In Rupert's story, the question is: "What is the great sea monster?" The answer is: "A giant squid." The story is a mystery, and the reader is asked to guess the identity of the monster. The story is a mystery, and the reader is asked to guess the identity of the monster.

## TARGET

U	T	M
P	S	E
O	I	U

How many words of four letters or more can you find in the square on the left? In the square on the right? The letters are: U, T, M, P, S, E, O, I, U.

Answer: Twenty.



## SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



## LAST NIGHT'S RUGGER

# Gunners Don't Find It Easy To Beat Rest Of The Army 6-3

By "PAK LO"

Yesterday evening on the Club ground it took the Gunners all their time to overcome the hard-tackling, hard-going Rest of the Army XV by 6 points (2 penalty goals) to 3 points (1 try) before a very enthusiastic crowd which saw one of the best games of the season so far.

In the curtain raiser the 74 LAA beat the Club by 14 points (1 goal, 1 try, 2 penalty goals) to 8 points (1 goal, 1 penalty goal) in a good match which had some scrappy periods.

In the major game of the evening the Rest were a bit out of sync in the first half but they were superior to the Gunners, and though the Gunners turned the tables in the second half a draw would have given a fair representation of the game.

In the first part of the Gunners' forwards did not have much to do, and a full back was evenly matched between the two backs from the lineouts and set pieces. In the second half the Rest were the better with McCallaghan far and away the outstanding forward on the field, particularly in the loose.

The Gunners' backs were not going looking for the more purposeful but their passing left them down when they could have broken through and scored. Nor were they helped by the wonderful tackling of the Rest side, and the Rest forwards and backs were snappier on the loose ball than were the Gunners.

In the second half the Gunners packed worked much better, and the ball began to come back fairly regularly to their three, but even then they never quite managed to finish off their moves.

The Rest three handled it anything worse than did the

club and more hung on to the ball too long. While this was the opposition on to him he generally left his passes to the club, and either died with the ball, or had his outside men over-lapping one another.

## MAN OF THE MATCH

But without question the man of the match was Kier. He was right on top of his form and could do nothing wrong. The service he got from the scrum was not good, but he still made the openings and tackled like a demon. Time and again he tackled or his touch kicking saved the day for the Rest.

Generally the Gunners' scrum half also had a good game and it was seldom that one of his passes went astray while both full backs shone, with Rowe if anything the better of the two.

Both a tackled well, and a loose ball was always immediately fallen on by one side or the other. Without doubt the club ground in beautiful condition made a difference here, for it was as soft as could be desired.

For a change last night two different coloured balls were used. In the first game the Club and 74 LAA used a white ball and in the Gunners-Rest match an orange-coloured ball was used. The orange ball showed up to better advantage, and will probably be in use more often in the future.

The game started with a bung and the pace was kept up throughout. The game swung from one end of the field to the other with both sides looking capable of scoring, but it was the Gunners who notched the first points. These came from a penalty for offside and Harrison took the long kick and converted.

Back and forth swung play again, but it was the Rest who scored next. Kier set the ball, and after a nice run which drew the opposition cross kicked and boomed it into the hands of the Rest who were at high speed to score. The conversion was missed to make the half time score 3-5.

In the second half the Gunners had the territorial advantage thanks to their hard-working forwards, and the backs made good use of their opportunities, but the Rest backs and wing forward, McCallaghan, were always there to stop them in time, though sometimes it was a knock-out by the Rest who saved an almost certain score.

Then ten minutes after the second half began the Gunners were awarded a penalty for offside round the scrum and Harrison made no mistake with this one 6-3.

For the next ten minutes the Rest applied the pressure, but again had handling let the Gunners clear up and ran the most dangerous move.

Another ten minutes, then it was the Rest's turn to attempt to convert a penalty but the distance was too long and Kier's kick fell short.

Then in the closing minutes the Gunners really swung into action and only some excellent work by Tiden, McCallaghan, Kier, and Bishop saved the day and kept the Army at bay until the last minute when the Rest went away, and Bishop attempted to drop a goal but missed.

Definitely a feather in the cap of the Gunners' side, for this was their toughest game in the season, and they played some fine rugby which the crowd were quick to appreciate. In fact we could do with more games of this type in the Colony, and the sooner the better.

## THE FIRST GAME

In the first game the 74 LAA three were the better and getting the larger share of the ball used it to good advantage.

Had it not been for Penman in the backs and O'Kelly in the halves they would have won by a bigger score, for the handling of the Club backs was weak.

The forwards were slow in handling the ball back, and did not cover to the extent they should have. The 74 LAA side had a certain amount of the

same fault, but their three line moved much better with Anderson the outstanding man. Jones the full back was very steady and Dowling distinguished himself in the forwards.

The one outstanding try of the match came in the closing minutes with the Club pressing as hard as they could. About ten yards from the 74's line there was a loose Maul formed and the ball was taken by Steward and sent out to O'Kelly.

O'Kelly ran across and then passed inside, obviously expecting it had started his run some distance back and when he took the ball he was going like an express train.

Expecting him to go outside O'Kelly the defence swung across but Penman swung inside and took the ball. Three tackles made no impression and with a lovely drive which sent him head over heels O'Kelly scored.

Previously O'Kelly had converted the penalty and in opposition Anderson had gone through to score for the line. Jones, the full back converted one of them, and also converted the try for the 74 LAA. Three were made by Tineley who shone throughout the game. The game itself was quite interesting to watch, though it had some tedious scrappy periods and there were a lot of infringements in the forwards and loose scrums which were duly penalised.

## THE TEAMS

Gunners: Rowe, McKinnon, West, Gerard, Maurice, Jackson, Glen, Chandler, Barker, Collett, Kelly, Robinson, Hill, Galehouse, Buckley.

Rest of Army: Bishop, Boorman, Bishop, Moore, Cairne, Kier, Sharpe, Tiden, Foster, de Cordova, Jenkins, Foxall, McCallaghan, Allen, Wade.

Club: Deane, McCallaghan, Stone, Penman, Inglis, O'Kelly, Steward, Rankin, Knight, Thompson, Ansell, Russell, Williams, Weymouth, Elliott.

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## YESTERDAY'S SOCCER

# COMBINED CHINESE WERE GOOD VALUE FOR THEIR THREE NIL VICTORY

Says "TOUCHWOOD"

The visiting Clube Ferroviario soccer team from Mozambique redeemed some of their prestige when they put up a spirited first half display against Combined Chinese before bowing out with a three nil defeat at the Hongkong Stadium yesterday.

Combined Chinese were good value for their win which they made certain only by their second half supremacy.

The Portuguese team were full of courage, but courage alone was surely not enough against the Chinese side who were distinctly a class above them.

Comparing the three matches, I would say that the Portuguese side played very much better than in their opening two games. Yesterday the visitors excelled in a smooth seemingly effortless passing game and the only thing wrong I find with them is that they have yet to learn to shoot straight.

Ball control, artistic display, combination and a stout heart doesn't amount to much in soccer if a side cannot put the ball past the goalkeeper and that's exactly what the Portuguese forward line couldn't master.

## BEST MAN AFIELD

Best man afield in yesterday's match in the Portuguese side was their centre - forward Fernando Lage who was responsible for each and every move that often split the Chinese defence wide open when they attacked in force.

Inside-left Amarel Ismael had the misfortune to suffer a head injury seven minutes after the resumption when he collided with Lau Yee. Ismael played a very good first half game and when he left the field for medical attention, the game wasn't the same with the Portuguese team.

Octavio Sa, the Portuguese goalkeeper, did a grand job especially in the second half when he saved at least three certain goals from point blank range off the boots of Mok Chun-wah, Hau Ching-to and Yiu Cheuk-yin.

Candido Veiga at left-wing was the most dangerous forward and really worried Combined Chinese, custodian Tam Nai-huen while fullbacks Francisco Pontes and Raul Franco checked numerous raids by the Chinese forward line.

For the Combined Chinese, South China's Mok Chun-wah outshone the rest with his sparkling display that brought two second half goals to add to the one nil half time lead.

Mok dribbling in and out of the opposing defence was a

feat to watch and like the elusive Scarlet Pimpernel he was here, there and everywhere in a flash. Veteran Ho Ying-fan was not in his usual form and was not much help to the team.

Defence: Chau Man-chi and Chan Fai-hung were spoilers who checked in the nick of time the goal hungry Portuguese forwards from getting too close to Tam Nai-huen.

## SIZZLING DRIVE

From the whistle, Combined Chinese without ceremony sailed right into the attack and before the third minute Mok Chun-wah's sizzling drive saw the ball rolling goalwards only for the Portuguese keeper to gather it just in time.

Over to the other end, the Portuguese threatened Tam Nai-huen when inside-right Ildio Vale brought the ball right into the box but before he could get his foot on it, Lau Yee sent the ball back to mid-field. The next minute, Ildio Vale lobbed over a neat strike at Antonio Serra, the Portuguese right-winger, headed the ball just inches out.

Combined Chinese would have opened the scoring in the sixth minute had Mok Chun-wah been a little more accurate with his aim. The ball sailed wide out when Mok had Octavio Sa at his mercy. Two minutes later, another good chance for the Chinese was snuffed by Yiu Cheuk-yin who crashed the ball over the crossbar from a Mok Chun-wah pass.

In the 11th minute Yiu Cheuk-yin's solo effort nearly ended with a goal but this time Francisco Pontes booted the ball out at the expense of a fruitless corner.

The 12th and 14th minutes saw the Portuguese side getting pot shots at Tam Nai-huen and one of these attempts would have been the Chinese custodian had the ball not hit the upright.

The 21st minute was memorable for the goalmouth melee that had the Chinese team bundling up to stop the foraging Portuguese side. It was at this stage that the visiting team was most dangerous and a random shot off the boot of Fernando Lage saw the ball curving goalwards. Tam Nai-huen left his post but luckily for the Chinese, Ng Wai-man dashed up to clear for a flag kick that came to naught.

## FEEBLE SHOT

A feeble shot by Fernando Lage failed to beat Tam Nai-huen in the 28th minute after which the Chinese came out of their lethargy to work both defence and goalkeeper Octavio Sa to the full.

Combined Chinese had two near misses in the 30th and 31st minute. Yiu Cheuk-yin crashed out an easy shot eight yards from Octavio Sa and then centre-forward Chu Wing-keung's pile driver saw the Portuguese keeper palming the ball out for a corner.

As if two misses were not sufficient yet another was to come and this time it was a careless shot by Hau Ching-to when with only the keeper to beat he pushed the ball entirely out.

The 37th to 41st minute were still goalless, but with only four minutes to the interval, Combined Chinese suddenly came to life. Yiu Cheuk-yin crossed over a well placed

shot over to Hau Ching-to who took a shot at goal. Octavio Sa punched the ball onto the head of Chu Wing-keung and in a flash Chu crashed the ball past the Portuguese keeper for a one nil half time lead.

Seven minutes after resumption, Chinese Combined swarmed all over their opponents' territory and then the Portuguese were one man short when inside-left Amarel Ismael had to leave the field for medical attention after colliding with Lau Yee.

This setback took a heavy toll on the Portuguese side for they were harassed continuously by their opponents who evidently were not content with their slender goal lead.

## SECOND GOAL

Goal number two for the Chinese came in the 14th minute when Mok Chun-wah after beating two defenders drew custodian Octavio Sa out of his post to leisurely place the ball to the back of the net.

The Portuguese team far from giving up the fight retaliated with several raids that shook the Combined Chinese defence and these would have beaten Tam Nai-huen at least twice had the Portuguese forwards been able to shoot straighter.

Mok Chun-wah wrote flash to whatever hopes for the Portuguese when he crashed in the third and last goal to give Combined Chinese a three nil victory.

## TEAMS

Combined Chinese: Tam Nai-huen, Szeto-yiu, Lau Yee, Chan Fai-hung, Ng Wai-man, Chau Man-chi, Ho Ying-fan, Yiu Cheuk-yin, Chu Wing-keung, Mok Chun-wah, Hau Ching-to.

Portuguese: Amarel Ismael, Francisco Pontes, Raul Franco, Augusto Onofre, Armando Silva, Yoss Campelo, Antonio Serra, Ildio Vale, Fernando Lage, Amarel Ismael, Candido Veiga.

## Australian Runners All Set To Race Hungarians

Melbourne, Dec. 7. Australian middle-distance Champion Dave Stephens set a new Australian 3,000 Metres record tonight as he was timed in eight minutes 11.2 seconds, although he was "just out for a run."

Les Perry was second in 8:14.0 and Geoff Warren was third in 8:19.0, and both also were under the old national record. Officials said the times actually may be even better than that.

Earlier this week the track was rained out after consistent fast times and it was lengthened eight feet. Now officials wonder if perhaps the original measurement was not correct.

Tonight's event was in the nature of a practice for the Melbourne athletics carnival of the next two weeks, and indicated the home talent can give good races to the invading stars from Hungary, Sander Iharov, Laslo Tabari and Istvan Rozsavolgyi.—United Press.

## WORLD CHAMPION



World Bantamweight Champion, Frenchman Robert Cohen, who fights the Algerian, Cherif Hamila next week, was watched by his fiancée, Miss Zita Hasson, when he wound up his training in Paris. Cohen met Miss Hasson in Durban, after his recent World Championship fight in Johannesburg.—Central Press Photo.

## CARNIVAL OF CHAMPIONS

## Danny Kid And Kaneko Score Easy Wins

Manila, Dec. 7. The Oriental Flyweight Champion, Shigeo Kaneko of Japan, and Oriental Flyweight Champion, Danny Kid of the Philippines retained their titles by unanimous decisions in two bouts held here tonight.

Kaneko smashed out a bloody 12-round decision over Philippine Featherweight Champion Emil Tinde, after nearly knocking him out in the sixth and 12th rounds.

Kaneko, who has been dubbed the "Rocket-Headed Marcano", rained body and head blows on Tinde in the 12th round till Tinde collapsed, just as the final bell sounded.

Tinde floored Kaneko for a count of four in the seventh round with a vicious straight right to the jaw but failed to follow up his advantage.

Kaneko won nine rounds and Tinde won three in the bout, which headlined the Oriental Carnival of Champions. Kaneko weighed in at 125 pounds and Tinde at 124½.

Danny Kid, who is the World's third-ranking Flyweight, scored a unanimous decision over Thailand's Vitthai Kinnai, after being knocked down in the second round.

Kid recently lost a close decision to World Flyweight Champion Pascual Perez of Argentina.—France-Press.

## PIRIE MAY GIVE UP ATHLETICS

London, Dec. 7. Gordon Pirie, famed British cross-country runner, may give up athletics, according to an interview on British television tonight.

Pirie said he had injured the Achilles tendon in his heel.

After the programme, Pirie told newsmen that he had visited a London hospital today, and that the doctor was optimistic it would heal. Pirie however declared he was quite unable to train at the moment.

If he were to retire, it would be a great blow for British honours for the 8,000 and 10,000 Metres for the Olympic Games at Melbourne, and perhaps even for the Marathon.—France-Press.

## Societies' Annual Golf Match

The annual golf match between Golf Club members of St. Andrew's and St. George's Societies will take place at Fanning on Sunday, singles being played in the morning and fourballs in the afternoon.

Scoring will be by points, one being awarded for a win in the singles and two in fourballs matches, byes of three holes or over counting as a quarter or half a point respectively.

The losing team in the morning rounds will pay for lunch.

A group photograph will be taken in front of the Men's Clubhouse at about 1.05 p.m., afternoon games starting immediately afterwards.

Following are the starting times and draw for both rounds, Golf Club members of St. Andrew's Society being named first—

Old Course  
9.15, 1. H. G. Thompson—J. L. Kay; 9.20, R. Ranken—W. E. Heath; 9.25, W. G. Robertson—R. K. Colquhoun; 9.30, G. D. Smart—F. F. Wilkinson; 9.35, A. D. Coleman—R. H. Davies; 9.40, W. Stoker—D. L. Prophet; 9.45, W. J. Cameron—C. G. Brown; 9.50, J. R. McArthur—C. W. Webb; 9.55, J. R. McArthur—J. L. Martin.

New Course  
9.15, J. A. Blackwood—J. R. Collins; 9.20, R. F. Macdonald—J. B. Bell; 9.25, S. Gordon—W. S. Vaughan; 9.30, D. S. Robb—J. Dickson; 9.35, C. G. Denton—L. Goldsmith; 9.40, F. C. B. Black—A. E. Elliott; 9.45, R. M. Macpherson—W. L. T. Cruden; 9.50, W. H. Palmer—J. W. Nichols; 9.55, A. Midler—J. W. Nichols; 10.00, J. Kerr—C. W. Grange; 10.05, R. Macdonald—J. R. Macdonald; 10.10, B. H. Billmore—A. H. Penn.

Old Course  
1.15, Blackwood/Moedie—Collis/Bell; 1.20, Gordon/Thompson—Vaughan/Kay; 1.25, Robb/Ranken—Dickson/Leach/Heath; 1.30, Denton/Robertson—Goldman/Collins; 1.35, Black/Smart—Elliott/Wilkinson; 1.40, Macpherson/Coleman—Cruden/Davies; 1.45, Paterson/Black—Waters/Brough; 1.50, Midler/Cameron—Nichols/Denton; 1.55, Kerr/Killie—Grange/Croucher; 2.00, Macdonald/McDonald—Sykes/Webb; 2.05, Billmore/McArthur—Penn/Marden.

## Inter-School Basketball

The following are the results of Inter-School Basketball matches played at Southern Playground yesterday:

Boys' "A" Division  
St. Joseph's 30, Wang Yen HK 30  
St. Paul's 37, Chung Ching 39  
Boys' "B" Division  
Chung Wah 49, Wellington 43  
St. Louis 44, St. Mark's 38  
O.C. "B" 34, Pui Kiu 30  
Clement 31, La Salle 30

## INTER-LEAGUE SOCCER

## English Football League Beat Ireland 5-1

Liverpool, Dec. 7. The English Football League beat the League of Ireland (Eire) 5-1 in an Inter-League match at Goodison Park here today. They led 3-0 at half time.

The part-time footballers of the Irish Republic came out of the game with credit, for the English League were represented by the full England international side which defeated Spain 4-1 a week ago.

The Irishmen played extremely well and never stopped battling against the odds. Twice in the first five minutes they went very near to scoring.

The English League, however, always gave the impression they had something in hand, and but for a superb display by 20-year-old Irish goalkeeper, Lowry, their margin of victory would have been much wider.

Scorers for the English League were: Perry, Mackey, Atkey, Clayton and Byrne (penalty). Gibbons scored for the Irish League.—Reuter.

## Hongkong Tennis Team Against Macao

The following have been selected by the Interport Selection Committee of the HKITA to be the official representatives of Hongkong for the 2nd leg of the annual Interport Matches for the "Local Senado" Cup competition:

Singles: E. Saubolle, A. S. Augustad, Ng Man Cheung, Reserve: E. M. Pereira.

Doubles: Norman Lo and Ho Cheung Po, J. D. Mackie and M. Henman (Captain).

These matches will be played off at the CRC courts on December 17 and 18, commencing each day at 2.30 p.m.

## SWEDISH OPEN TABLE TENNIS RESULTS

Stockholm, Dec. 7. Results on the concluding day of the Swedish Open Table Tennis Championships here were:

## Men's Singles Semi-Finals

Elmer Geytval (Hungary) beat Jozsef Bogrine (Yugoslav) 10-21, 21-11, 21-10, 21-20.

Kalman Szepesi (Hungary) beat Ladislav Stippek (Czechoslovakia) 21-13, 21-14, 21-18.

## Women's Singles Final

Angolica Rozsanna (Romania) beat Ann Haydon (Britain) 12-21, 15-21, 21-10, 21-17.

## Men's Doubles Final

Johnny Leach (Britain) and Tag Flisberg (Sweden) beat Elmer Geytval and Kalman Szepesi (Hungary) 21-13, 21-10, 21-14.—Reuter.

## Olympic Village Probably The Best Ever Seen

Melbourne, Dec. 7. An Italian delegation today praised Melbourne's preparations for the 1956 Olympic Games, and said athletes accommodated at the Olympic Village near here would probably be "the best ever seen."

The leader of the delegation, Dr. G. de Santis, said Italy—who are to stage the 1960 games in Rome—would send observers to study the organization at next year's event.—China Mail Special.

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## SPORTS VIEWPOINT

## ENGLAND GET THE GOALS BUT LACK THE GUILE

Says ERIC NICHOLLS

"England crush Spain 4-1," was the "neutral" heading in French evening newspapers after the November 30 Wembley battle in the fog. I can see it all. Every footballer from Lands End to Leningrad, from Peterborough to Penang will be talking of England's soccer recovery.

But whoa there! It just isn't so.

True, England won, and won well. True, they showed more goal-thrust than for many a year. But that was about the only department in which they stood head and shoulders above the opposition.

A mediocre England beat a poor Spain. That is my verdict. Spain were once a World soccer power. That they no longer are was glaringly obvious at Wembley and in Dublin, where they drew 2-2 with Eire.

Spain built up attack after attack with typical Continental yards and run football. That they failed miserably in their quest for goals, was due to their own shortcomings rather than the excellence of the English defence.

## NOT SO HOT

In fact that defence was not so hot. Goalkeeper Rayham made one or two neat saves. But his habit of dropping the ball was not the sort of thing one expects in international football. Fullbacks Hall and Byrne just about did their job, but no more, while wing halves Clayton and Dickson were good in attack, but positionally weak in defence.

Billy Wright's game was a mixture of very good and not so good. Certainly he found Arleta a bit of handful. And what of the England attack? I'm going to be frank. I don't like the present line-up. Certainly they are playing to a pre-arranged plan with big John Ayres and Nat Lofthouse fulfilling the double-centre-forward act, finishing off the creative mid-work of young Johnny Haynes.

With left winger Bill Perry an additional scoring forward, manager Winterbottom's plan is working, negative and unimaginative though it is.

The trouble is that the present scheme depends far too much on the efforts of one man—Johnny Haynes. Should Haynes have an off-day or get injured, the plan falls flat. It has the main fault of the "Beebe Plan." There are no alternatives if things go wrong.

England are, to their credit, playing as a team. They are getting goals, and winning matches again. But oh how I wish they would build a side that can play FOOTBALL.

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## Japan To Send Sixteen To Winter Olympics

Tokyo, Dec. 8. Japan's Olympic Association today announced a 16-man skiing and ice skating team will leave Tokyo on January 9 by plane for Cortina D'Ampezzo, Italy, to take part in the 1956 Olympic Games.

The Games will start on January 26. Japan's delegation will be headed by former Prince Thuneyoshi Takeda, President of the Japan Amateur Skating Union—China Mail Special.

Cortina D'Ampezzo, Italy, Dec. 7. Preparations of the speed-skating track on Lake Misurina near here for the seventh Olympic Winter Games in January are expected to be completed next week.

The ice on the lake is now ten inches (25 centimetres) thick and it is expected to be 27 inches (70 centimetres) by the end of January.—China Mail Special.

## SOCCER ON THE INSIDE

Edited By James Connolly &amp; Sam Leitch

Archie Macaulay, former Scotland and Arsenal wing-half, is to return to Scotland as coach to Dundee after 18 years in English soccer.

Macaulay resigned last week from his player-manager job with Guildford. He had a five-year contract at £1,000 a year.

Willie Thornton, Dundee's manager, is an old Glasgow Rangers team-mate of Macaulay.

## A Midnight New Year Ceremony To Welcome Olympic Games Year

Melbourne.

A midnight riverside ceremony will be held in Melbourne on New Year's Eve to dedicate the year 1956 to the spirit of Christianity and Olympic ideals.

The Games organisers are making plans for a mass rally of 100,000 people in Alexandra Park, across the River Yarra, within walking distance of the main Games sites.

A religious service will be preceded by a fireworks display and folk dancing by new and native-born Australians.

It now seems certain that the £A4,000,000 (£2,200,000 sterling) Games building programme which seemed a nebulous venture two years ago, will be completed well before the athletes of the world arrive in Melbourne. Only a recurrence of industrial troubles on Melbourne's recently quiet trade union front will prevent most of the stadium being completed by June, five months before the Games are due to open.

## SCREECH AND RATTLE

While bulldozers screech and rattle over what was once the velvet turf of the Melbourne Cricket Ground, regarding the whole area, a centre patch already sown with turf, glistens under water sprays.

The new three-tiered main stands which, added to existing stands, will give the main arena a seating capacity of 110,000 is more than half finished.

At all the other Games sites, gangs of workmen are busily engaged.

A start has been made on the last of the 800-odd dwellings to house the athletes in Olympic Village at Heidelberg, eight miles from Melbourne. The village is a £A12,700,000 (£9,100,000 sterling) State Government housing project, comprising a complete residential suburb with all amenities. Dwellings range from one-bedroom cottages to blocks of flats.

In Helsinki in 1952, as many as 20 athletes shared a dormitory. At Heidelberg, two athletes will be quartered in each room.

Unlike Helsinki a special village will not be provided for athletes from behind the Iron Curtain. All the 6,000 athletes will live together, with an 8-foot manproof wire fence separating the 500 women athletes from the male section.

A number of Iron Curtain athletes will be lodged in a street called Liberty Parade, though "purely by coincidence," according to an organising official.

The area tentatively booked for athletes from Russia and her satellites is quite a distance from the tentative American zone.

## TEN KITCHENS

There will be ten kitchens, each catering for 800 athletes. The most exotic kitchen will be one providing sushi yaki for

Japanese, curry for Indians and minestrone for Italians.

For the Scandinavians, there will be saunas and baths.

A fleet of 200 buses will be used to carry the 6,000 competitors the eight miles between the village and the Games sites. The Army officer, who will be in charge, will have a job equivalent to moving a brigade of troops on a split-second schedule with alternative routes, in case of unexpected traffic jams.

The Navy, too, will play a part, by providing ships and men to assist the yachting events. A destroyer will carry the official party, including the press and provide them with rapid communications to the shore.

Sixty-five countries so far have accepted invitations to compete in the Games and with 11 yet to reply the organisers hope to exceed Helsinki's record of 69 entries.

An illustration of the detailed planning which has gone into the accommodation of athletes, came from a Games official who said that it was found from examination of lists of competitors in earlier Games that basketball teams were all starved. An order was placed for 100 extra-long beds.

The Games organisers have a new problem. So far, only 5,014 people from overseas countries have applied for accommodation for the Games. Figures released on November 8 showed that most applications—2,084—had been received from New Zealand, with 1,005 from Britain and only 467 from the United States.

Although Melbourne's hotel accommodation is like that of a city in 1952, is restricted, more than 15,000 beds in private homes have been offered by Melbourne citizens.

The chief executive officer organising the Games, Lieutenant-General W. Bridgeford, said recently: "There is the tremendous lot still to be done, but we are satisfied. There must always be a certain amount of anxiety over construction works but all are up to schedule at present and the picture is a lot brighter than 12 months ago."

## MAJOR PROJECTS

With the Games just one year away, here is a summary of progress made with the major projects:

The Melbourne Cricket Ground—Main Stadium: Demolition started in March last year and the new stand should be finished by next June. Installation of offices, recording studios, dressing rooms, etc., will start in December. Levelling of the arena is under way and should be completed early in the New Year. The Olympic scoreboard will be erected in September next year when the cinders track will also be laid.

Olympic Village: About 200 of the 837 dwellings being erected are finished. Work starts this month on shops, recreation halls and dining rooms—all temporary buildings. More than 200 trees have been planted and lawns and gardens are being laid out around the houses.

Catering: About 85 per cent of furnishings and food has been ordered. No difficulty is expected in obtaining the variety of food needed, but staffing the kitchens, and the other village facilities, might create problems.

Boxing Stadium: The old stadium at West Melbourne was burnt out last January. All contracts have now been let and it should be completed by May.

Rowing: Tenders will be called later this month for dredging and weed clearance at Lake Wendouree. It should be finished by May.

Subsidiary Sites: Minor sites for sports such as fencing, weight-lifting, wrestling, and pentathlon need only conversion and the erection of temporary facilities. About 50 per cent of the technical equipment has been ordered but all is not on hand, as much of it has to be imported.

Bookings: Tickets were made available for public sale in May and more than 300,000 have been sold. Large numbers are still available. Tickets for boxing and cycling will become available in December.

Administration: The organising committee staff now numbers 60. It will rise to 150 by May and to 450 by November.

China Mail Special.

"I am sorry to leave Guildford, where I have always been happy," says Macaulay.

"At Dundee I feel I will have the chance in the type of job which vitally interests me. I have always liked coaching."

Success at Dundee can land Macaulay, one of Scotland's great half-backs, on soccer's top sheet.

Scotland want a manager-coach for the international side. They boggle at the appointment until they find the right man. It could well be Macaulay.

Macaulay and Guildford part on the best of terms. Chairman Hamilton Gordon is to give him a farewell dinner to which all players will be invited.

## MATCH FILMS

Match films, for use as corrective tactical training for players, look like becoming the accepted thing in top-class League soccer.

Arsenal did it two years ago. Everton have been filming matches for some time, and now Charlton, Chelsea, and Portsmouth are all thinking of adopting the idea.

"I have always believed in recording running commentaries to help the players and I am quite prepared to give films a go," says Chelsea boss Ted Drake.

Here is a scheme that might revolutionise the whole coaching system. Clubs interested in a player could arrange to have shots of a match in which he played shown in slow motion—and see him as many times as they wished from an armchair seat.

Southport, who scrape along in the Northern section on 4,500 gates, have a fine sense of obligation to players.

This season, for the first time, they have the three men-goalscorers Ray Minshull, right-winger Wally Taylor, and the skipper, centre-half Alf Barrett—all due for benefits.

"We want the boys to be able to receive £1,000 in prize tax and expenses have been paid," says manager Gordon Hunt.

"The League have sanctioned our starting a benefit fund. We will run matches, dances, and possibly a bazaar or bring-and-buy sale to raise funds."

Players' wives plan to hold coffee mornings in the foyer of a local theatre to help out.

Allan Brown, long-striding Blackpool inside-left, has fought his way back to form—but he hasn't changed his mind about a move.

He would prefer to go back to Scotland, but he doesn't bar a transfer to another English team.

## "PEP" TALK

Charlton chief Jimmy Seod got his players a "pep" talk last week. "The First Division Championship is wide open," he began. "We are getting goals; cut down the goals conceded to an average of one a match and we'll be in there at the finish."

The First Division title is the only honour which Jimmy Seod hasn't lifted in his 23 seasons at the Valley.

Clubs who hesitated when George Hannah, talented Newcastle inside-forward, looked likely to move, have missed their way.

George is happy again. So are Newcastle, who have agreed to find him a new house . . . and a garage!

Jackie Milburn is a wonderful Newcastle servant. He plays anywhere from right-wing to left-wing. But even Jackie is said to hanker after a settled spot. He's had a chat about it with the club too.

Little club with the big-name complex is Poole Town in the Western League. First player-manager Stan Rickaby, ex-West Bromwich, then Wilf Mannion. Now they are after Ernie Jones, former Spurs, Southampton, and Wales winger, now on the books of Wolves, club Rhyl. Ernie, who will take over a "youth" team in Southampton shortly, has been approached by Rickaby. Decision soon.

Poolemouth scouts are keeping a close watch on Margate right-half Doug Bingle, still on West Ham's books at £3,000. Another Margate man in the news is budding centre-forward Lionel Phillips. Two First Division clubs and one from the second have been approached.

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## ROYAL H.K. DEFENCE FORCE ORDERS

Serial No. 49. Orders By Colonel L. T. Ride, CBE, ED, Commandant, Royal Hongkong Defence Force. Dated December 6, 1955.

**Force Orders**  
Honorary Volunteer Memorial Fund—The Commandant draws the attention of all ranks of the Royal Hongkong Defence Force to the appeal for donations to the Hong Kong Volunteer Memorial Fund. Donations should be sent to D.L. Prother, P.O. Box 100, Manukau, Mitchell & Co., Alexandra House, Stand Down—Army units of the R.H.K.D.F. will stand down from December 10, 1955 to January 19, 1956.

**Force Headquarters**  
Int. Platoon—Tuesday December 13, 1955. Pay Parade. Parade MPO 5.30 p.m. Dress: Muff.

Rece. Platoon—Thursday December 15, 1955. Pay Parade. Parade MPO 5.30 p.m. Dress: Muff.

Artillery Battery—Field Troop—Friday December 16, 1955. Parade MPO 5.30 p.m. for transport to HQ RHKDF. Dress: Overalls.

The Hongkong Regiment  
Training—"B" Coy—Monday December 19, 1955. Pay Parade. R.V. MPO 5.30 p.m. Dress: Plain clothes.

Home Guard  
Training—Thursday December 15, 1955. Lecture. Parade MPO 5.30 p.m. Dress: Muff.

Hongkong Auxiliary Air Force  
Pay Parade—Pay Parade will be held on Friday December 16, 1955.

## St. John Ambulance Orders

Orders by Mr Fung Ping-fan, C.S.I.J. Commissioner of St. John Ambulance Brigade Hongkong District. Order No. 49/55. Dated December 8, 1955.

11.12.55-17.12.55, Central Amb. Div. 10.12.55-24.12.55, KCOB Amb. Div. 10.12.55-24.12.55, Shaikwan KF Neg. Div.

Ambulance Duties—Kowloon—12.12.55-19.12.55, Shamshuipo Amb. Div. 10.12.55-24.12.55, Kowloon Amb. Div. 10.12.55-24.12.55, Waterloo Neg. Div. 10.12.55-24.12.55.

Penetration Squad Duties—11.12.55, Dr. Kenneth K. L. Hui, Dental Chen Shauk, C.S.I.J. Officer, and HKYCA N/D. 12.12.55, Dr. David Yee, Dental Young Tze-wah, and HKYCA Neg. Div. 10.12.55-24.12.55.

Orderly Duties for Mainland Area—11.12.55, Kowloon Amb. Div. 10.12.55-24.12.55, Shamshuipo Amb. Div. 10.12.55-24.12.55, Tsimshatsui Amb. Div. 10.12.55-24.12.55, Shamshuipo Neg. Div. 10.12.55-24.12.55, Kowloon Neg. Div. 10.12.55-24.12.55.

Productive Duties—11.12.55, 5th Neg. Amb. and Central Neg. Amb. Div. 10.12.55-24.12.55, SCBA Neg. Div. 10.12.55-24.12.55, SCBA Neg. Div. 10.12.55-24.12.55, SCBA Neg. Div. 10.12.55-24.12.55.

Race Duties—10.12.55, At Race Course, HKYCA Neg. Div. 10.12.55-24.12.55, Western Dist. Div. 10.12.55-24.12.55, At Race Course, Confucian Amb. Div. 10.12.55-24.12.55, At Race Course, Confucian Amb. Div. 10.12.55-24.12.55.

Duties—Shamshuipo—11.12.55-17.12.55, KVMCA Neg. Div. 10.12.55-24.12.55, Shamshuipo Neg. Div. 10.12.55-24.12.55, Shamshuipo Neg. Div. 10.12.55-24.12.55.

Str. Sleepers Shelter Society Duties—Western Dist. Div. 10.12.55-24.12.55, Shaikwan KF Neg. Div. 10.12.55-24.12.55.

Mongkok KFWA Neg. Div. 10.12.55-24.12.55, KVMCA Neg. Div. 10.12.55-24.12.55, Shamshuipo Neg. Div. 10.12.55-24.12.55, Shamshuipo Neg. Div. 10.12.55-24.12.55.

HK Society for the Protection of Children—Kowloon—11.12.55-17.12.55, Shamshuipo Neg. Div. 10.12.55-24.12.55, Shamshuipo Neg. Div. 10.12.55-24.12.55.

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Rece. Platoon—Thursday December 15, 1955. Pay Parade. Parade MPO 5.30 p.m. Dress: Muff.

Artillery Battery—Field Troop—Friday December 16, 1955. Parade MPO 5.30 p.m. for transport to HQ RHKDF. Dress: Overalls.

The Hongkong Regiment  
Training—"B" Coy—Monday December 19, 1955. Pay Parade. R.V. MPO 5.30 p.m. Dress: Plain clothes.

Home Guard  
Training—Thursday December 15, 1955. Lecture. Parade MPO 5.30 p.m. Dress: Muff.

Hongkong Auxiliary Air Force  
Pay Parade—Pay Parade will be held on Friday December 16, 1955.

Annual Bounties—Certain personnel have been awarded Bounties which will be paid at the forthcoming Pay Parade. To queries about Bounties should be referred to the Pay Office at HQ RHKDF. Pay Accounts at HQ RHKDF. Pay Accounts at HQ RHKDF.

Thursday January 12, 1956, between 1.45 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. to avoid unnecessary interruptions, however the attention of all ranks is drawn to the fact that no member of the R.H.K.D.F. can be considered for a Bounty unless he has completed the following minimum training requirements:—14 days Camp, 6 full days, 70 in-the-field hours, and 100 hours of training September 30, 1955. The previous practice of substituting service in the field for Camp or in-the-field hours is hereby cancelled by Ordinance in January 1956. In addition personnel must be deemed efficient in accordance with the Regulations governing the R.H.K.A.F. Transport will be provided to Murray Parade Ground at 5.30 p.m.

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TRACKING MAU MAU THROUGH  
THE KENYA SCRUB

By Henderson Gail  
Nyeri, Central Kenya, Dec. 7.

A full moon rode coldly above Police Tracker Team No. 1  
as they swished through long, wet grass and pushed into  
dense, crackling scrub after a Mau Mau gang.

It was about 4 a.m. and chilly, over 8,000 feet up in the  
White-settled Kenya Highlands, although nearly on the  
Equator.

I was with this tracker team,  
the first to be raised two years  
ago in Kenya to combat Mau  
Mau. Lending it was Inspector  
Harry D. Radford, of Glen  
View Road, Hammerfield,  
Hemel Hempstead, Hertford-  
shire.

With him, in silent single  
file, went six African trackers  
dressed in slouch hats, jungle  
green and jungle boots, carry-  
ing Patechela and rifles. One  
enormous man carried a Bren  
gun as if it were a grass  
stalk.

Suddenly some buffalo wheel-  
ed away through the bush.  
Bringing up the rear was an  
African girl, a "bibbi", aged  
about 17, who had been cap-  
tured with a gang some days  
previously. She had admitted  
under questioning that she had  
once been to the gang hide-  
out, near a European farm, of  
self-styled "General" Chuma,

who led about 20 terrorists.  
She had described its posi-  
tion, and this information had  
been matched up with the  
local knowledge of one of the  
tracker team, a light-coloured  
Kikuyu, known technically as  
a "name Mick", that is, a  
former terrorist who had  
thrown in his hand with the  
Security Forces.

As we pushed through the  
sweet-smelling undergrowth,  
Radford stopped and said: "We  
are making too much noise." I  
felt uncomfortably guilty.

## Lingua Franca

Then, in Swahili, the lingua  
franca of East Africa, he told  
the Sergeant, a fine-featured  
Samburu warrior from the  
Northern Kenya deserts, to  
"go in" while Radford, one  
tracker, the bibbi and myself  
waited above a bushy gorge.

We stood shivering, waiting  
for the sun to rise. Strange  
bird calls floated over the  
valleys. The bibbi and the  
tracker sat bare-foot and un-  
concerned in the damp grass.

Yet, every sense was keyed  
up in the half-light. Once I  
jumped, mistaking a small  
black bird for a terrorist's  
head, and felt foolish. Radford  
and the tracker said they smell  
smoke from a Mau Mau hide-  
out—the terrorists light their  
cigarettes in the morning before  
leaving the hide for the day,  
to sleep each under a separate bush.

We waited for the crack of a  
shot which would announce  
"contact" with the gang, al-  
ways elusive, but no signal of  
success came. A feeling of anti-  
climax set in and we left the  
trackers to return after us to  
nearby banded several hides.

They reported several hides,  
vacated about 36 hours pre-  
viously, and the presence of  
tracks which eventually petered  
out. Radford said that he was  
disappointed, the chances of a  
"kill" had seemed good.

The implacable night figures  
had dwindled in the growing  
light, to leave a laughing young  
African and an Englishman.

Cheerful and careless now,  
the team piled into a Land-  
rover to drive about ten miles  
to the farm run by Peter  
Becker, the man who started  
tracker teams in Kenya and  
eventually convinced police  
authorities that they ought to  
be out on an official footing.

## Voluntary Work

Much of his work has been  
voluntary, he has killed more  
Mau Mau than perhaps any  
other single person in Kenya,  
and he has the admiration of  
all the surrounding farmers. In  
fact, he has spent so much time  
chasing Mau Mau that he has  
had to neglect his own farm.

Now there are ten tracker  
teams, one of the spearheads of  
the anti-terrorist campaign. In  
Becker's absence, Radford was  
running Tracker Teams 1 and 2.

He had been out the pre-  
vious day and would probably  
be out the following one, pos-  
sibly all night as well, for when-  
ever the call goes out from a  
farmer whose farm has been  
raided and stock stolen, the  
trackers are ready.

They are mobile with their  
Landrovers—police say the  
Emergency could not have been  
won without them—and in  
touch with headquarters in this  
case Mweiga police station, by  
pack wireless sets, if necessary.

they will stay on tracks for  
days on end, sleeping on the  
ground, until they catch the  
gang or lose the tracks.

It is not often that these men  
lose the trail. They track as  
naturally as you or I read the  
newspaper.

Radford, aged 25, brown and  
burly, is hardly a typical police-  
man. He is a Contract Inspector,  
which means that he has signed  
an agreement to serve in Kenya  
for two years, with the possi-  
bility of being required for an  
extra six months.

Some time ago, he was  
assigned to be second in com-  
mand of a tracker team—a con-  
siderable achievement, for all but  
one of the other Europeans with  
tracker teams are Kenya-born  
or have long lived here.

## Ability To Cope

It is a tribute to his fluent  
Swahili and his ability to cope  
with a tricky job—for the Mau  
Mau terrorist may be only half  
the menace he was two years  
ago, but he is still an ugly  
customer and an expert in forest  
warfare.

Radford may not be a typical  
policeman but the responsi-  
bilities he has out here are by  
no means uncommon. Perhaps  
he is a bit better than most  
at turning his hand to some-  
thing new. He was a fitter in  
the Royal Air Force as a Nation-  
al Serviceman, and served in  
the Middle East. Later, he  
worked for a number of aircraft  
firms in Great Britain and then  
decided to have a look at Africa,  
joining the police.

He hopes to be able to see  
something of the rest of Africa,  
and has ideas about becoming a  
game warden.

He told me that tracker teams  
are made up of Africans from a  
number of tribes. Some are  
"tame Micks" with an intimate  
knowledge of terrorist mentality  
and are mostly Kikuyu, the

tribe responsible for Mau Mau.  
Others are "loyal" Kikuyu,  
Samburu and Turkana, from the  
northern plains and men from  
forest tribes such as the  
Wanderobo. Their mixed nature  
seems to improve rather than  
impair efficiency. Strangely, the  
Masai, traditional enemies of  
the Kikuyu, and plainsmen, are  
not successful in tracker teams.

The trackers, all run under  
police authority, carry out two  
main functions:

1. When a theft of livestock  
is reported, trackers pick up the  
trail and follow it hard, often  
not easy as the Mau Mau are  
adept at confusing their tracks.

2. Acting on special informa-  
tion about terrorist movements,  
the teams go out as a striking  
force, as in the case of the  
patrol I joined.

Nowadays, with terrorists  
becoming daily fewer, and per-  
haps craftier, many a patrol may  
draw a blank. But usually some  
knowledge is gained which may  
lead in time to successes. The  
teams know the maze of scrub-  
covered country inside out.

## Silence Essential

Sometimes trackers call in  
police dogs but these are apt to  
make a noise—when silence is  
essential—and are also nervous  
of the forest animals, particu-  
larly of leopard in addition.

Trackers may come across  
rhinoceros, elephant, reckoned  
the most dangerous of all by  
some men, buffalo, which are  
inquisitive, "like cattle in a  
field at home," said Radford,  
and snakes.

These tracker teams bow the  
knee as specialists only to one  
force in the Kenya police, the  
"black-face boys" or pseudo  
gangs. When the patrol I join-  
ed was operating a neighbour-  
ly section of forest was "closed"  
because a pseudo gang was in  
there.



The Danish capital won't be caught napping when Saint  
Nicholas makes his annual visit on December 26. The streets  
are decorated for Christmas, festooned with myriads of coloured  
lights. Typical in the main shopping centre, "Strøget", pic-  
tured here, where illuminated decorations can be seen stretched  
across the roadway.—Express Photo.

Because of the secrecy that  
surrounds them, little can be  
said of these forces. They are  
mainly local Kikuyu and former  
terrorists led by a Kenya-born  
European who speaks Kikuyu  
and who is disguised like the  
rest of his "gang" as a ter-  
rorist, with blackened face.  
Their task is to make contact  
with real terrorists, lure their  
suspicions, become accepted as  
fellow gangsters, and then at  
the best opportunity, kill or  
capture.

Recently several of these men,  
led by a 19-year-old Kenya  
Special.

US Confident Japs  
Will Have Trade  
Barriers Lowered

Washington, Dec. 7.

American officials today expressed confidence  
that Japan within a year would persuade reluctant  
members of the General Agreement on Tariffs and  
Trade (GATT) to lower their tariff barriers  
against Japanese exports.

The officials gave this optimistic prediction at  
a background briefing reviewing the 35-nation  
GATT talks which ended in Geneva last Saturday.

One of the chief goals of the  
United States at these talks has  
been to expand Japan's international  
trade by encouraging Australia,  
Brazil, Cuba, France, Haiti, New  
Zealand, the Rhodesian Nyasa-  
land Federation and South Africa  
to give "most favoured nation"  
treatment to Japan, which was  
admitted to the trade and tariff  
organisation in September.

## Frankly Stated

The United States also want-  
ed Britain, Austria, Belgium,  
Luxembourg, Holland and India,  
who grant Japan preferential  
treatment through separate ar-  
rangements, to act within the  
framework of GATT.

Although American officials  
frankly stated they were dis-  
appointed at their failure to  
secure these objectives during  
the recent talks, they said  
they expected important and  
substantial progress to be made  
by the time the GATT nations  
met again in Geneva next  
October.

They pointed to the fact  
Brazil was negotiating with  
Japan and was expected to ex-  
tend full GATT privileges to  
Japan in the near future.

Several of the other reluctant  
nations were said to be retaining  
deep-rooted objections to follow-  
ing suit, but officials expected a  
Japanese "break-through" with-  
in a year.

## Fear Of Dumping

They said it was becoming  
clear to the "holdout" nations  
that trade with Japan would  
affect their markets to a limited  
extent only. To this the officials  
added that this small margin was  
of vital concern to the well-  
being and strength of Japan.

The officials said that the fear  
of dumping by Japan was not  
the only reason for the refusal  
of GATT members to extend  
preferential treatment.

They listed two other reasons:  
1. Fear that Japan could win  
in genuine and fair trade com-  
petition.

2. The "hangover" of  
antipathy towards Japan as a  
result of the last war and events  
before the outbreak of the  
Pacific hostilities.

"But we are very hopeful  
that progress will be made to-  
wards overcoming these fears,"  
one official said.

Japan is now expected to  
take the lead in working for a  
relaxation of trade barriers  
through direct talks with the  
GATT partners.

## Britain Too

The standing committee of  
GATT will start the problem in  
the light of the progress which  
Japan makes in these talks.

Officials expressed qualified  
satisfaction with Britain's ap-  
proach to Japan.

Britain is one of the nations  
refusing formal "most  
favoured" commitment within  
GATT but in fact granting these  
concessions through separate  
arrangements.

They said Britain was con-  
cerned about the problem and  
was preparing to sign a treaty  
of commerce with Japan.

But they added that there  
was no prospect that the British  
would agree to a formal GATT  
commitment. — China Mail  
Special.

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## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

By Air

Pakistan, Middle East, Africa,  
Great Britain & Europe, 9 a.m.  
Thailand, Burma, India, 9 p.m.  
By Surface

Philippines, 3 p.m.  
Thailand, Pakistan, 3 p.m.  
N. Borneo, Sabah, 4 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

By Air

Formosa, Japan, Korea & Okinawa,  
10 a.m.  
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 1 p.m.  
Philippines, Australia, New Zea-  
land, 2 p.m.  
Formosa, 3 p.m.

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Thailand, India, Australia, Middle  
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Europe, 6 p.m.  
Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, Korea,  
6 p.m.  
Japan, 8 p.m.

Pakistan, 9 a.m.  
China, People's Republic, 9:30 a.m.  
Australia, New Zealand, Noon.  
Thailand, Noon.  
Macao, 1 p.m.  
Japan, 1 p.m.

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Botswana, S.W. Africa, 1 p.m. via  
Aomori, 2 p.m. via S. Rhodesia, &  
Indonesia, 4 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

By Air

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tralia, New Zealand & Ceylon, 11  
a.m.

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Philippines, 1 p.m.  
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New  
Zealand, Thailand, India, Pakistan,  
Middle East, Africa, Great Britain &  
Europe, 6 p.m.

Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, Korea,  
6 p.m.  
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.  
Formosa, 9 a.m.  
China, People's Republic, 9:30 a.m.

Thailand, Noon.  
Macao, 1 p.m.  
Japan, 1 p.m.  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11  
By Surface

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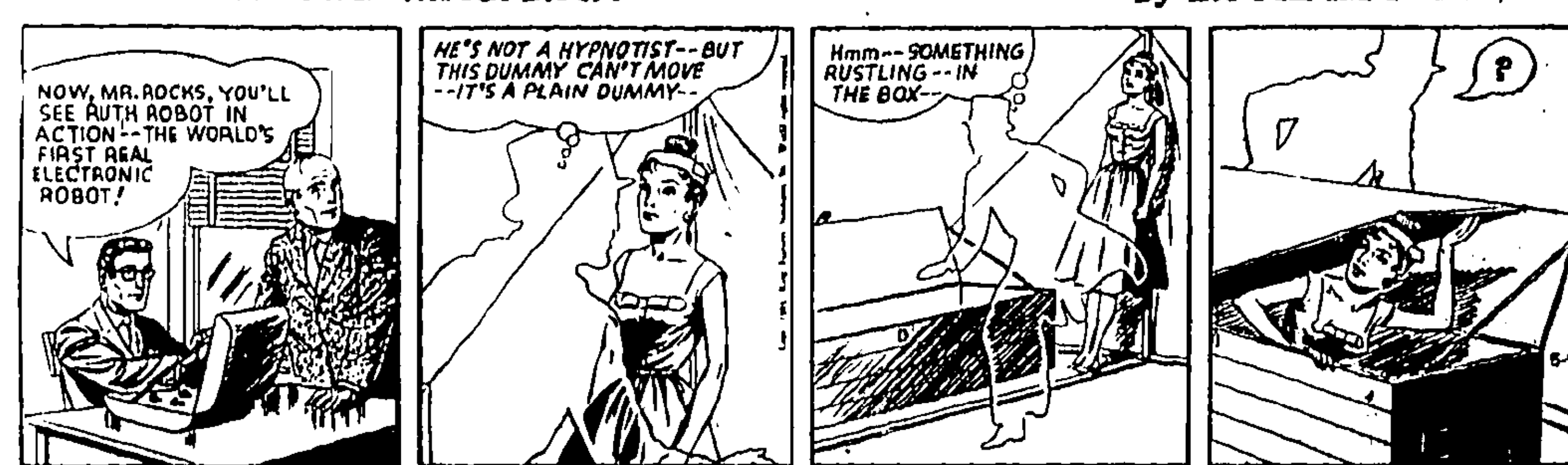
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By Surface

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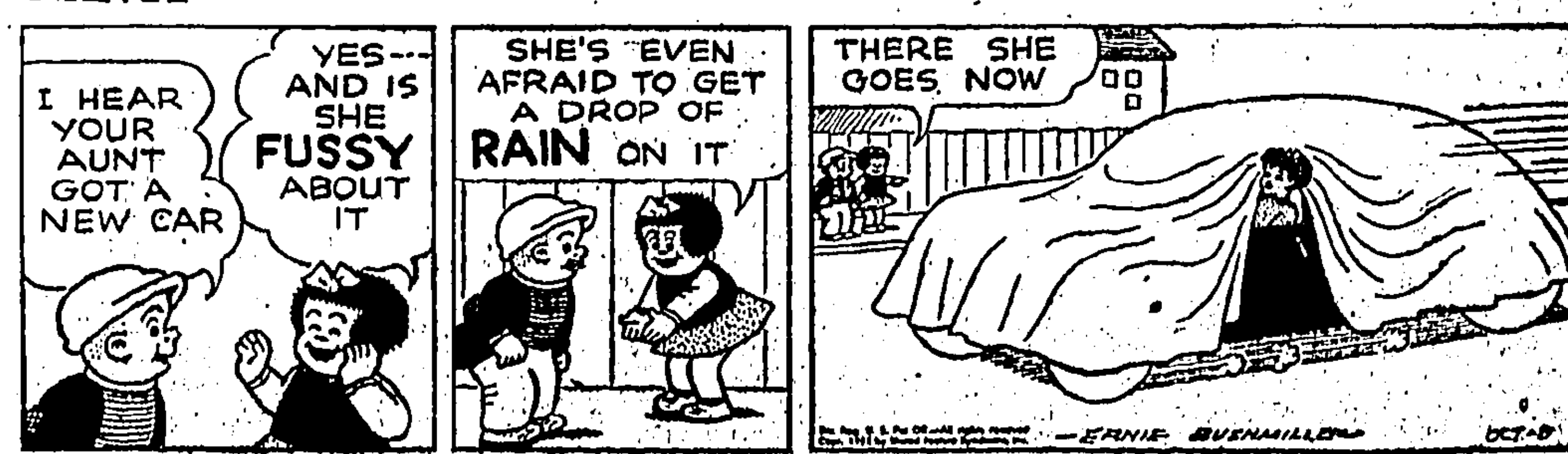
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## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## Japanese Steel, Cotton Industries

## Rubber Trading Balance Nearly Upset

## WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, Dec. 7. Rubber futures closed today 20 points lower to 85 points higher with sales of 341 contracts.

Communion house and buying orders lifted the market at the close after a lower start. Part of the trade included dealer exchanges of 8-10-15-20-25-30-35-40-45-50-55-60-65-70-75-80-85-90-95-100-105-110-115-120-125-130-135-140-145-150-155-160-165-170-175-180-185-190-195-200-205-210-215-220-225-230-235-240-245-250-255-260-265-270-275-280-285-290-295-300-305-310-315-320-325-330-335-340-345-350-355-360-365-370-375-380-385-390-395-400-405-410-415-420-425-430-435-440-445-450-455-460-465-470-475-480-485-490-495-500-505-510-515-520-525-530-535-540-545-550-555-560-565-570-575-580-585-590-595-600-605-610-615-620-625-630-635-640-645-650-655-660-665-670-675-680-685-690-695-700-705-710-715-720-725-730-735-740-745-750-755-760-765-770-775-780-785-790-795-800-805-810-815-820-825-830-835-840-845-850-855-860-865-870-875-880-885-890-895-900-905-910-915-920-925-930-935-940-945-950-955-960-965-970-975-980-985-990-995-1000-1005-1010-1015-1020-1025-1030-1035-1040-1045-1050-1055-1060-1065-1070-1075-1080-1085-1090-1095-1100-1105-1110-1115-1120-1125-1130-1135-1140-1145-1150-1155-1160-1165-1170-1175-1180-1185-1190-1195-1200-1205-1210-1215-1220-1225-1230-1235-1240-1245-1250-1255-1260-1265-1270-1275-1280-1285-1290-1295-1300-1305-1310-1315-1320-1325-1330-1335-1340-1345-1350-1355-1360-1365-1370-1375-1380-1385-1390-1395-1400-1405-1410-1415-1420-1425-1430-1435-1440-1445-1450-1455-1460-1465-1470-1475-1480-1485-1490-1495-1500-1505-1510-1515-1520-1525-1530-1535-1540-1545-1550-1555-1560-1565-1570-1575-1580-1585-1590-1595-1600-1605-1610-1615-1620-1625-1630-1635-1640-1645-1650-1655-1660-1665-1670-1675-1680-1685-1690-1695-1700-1705-1710-1715-1720-1725-1730-1735-1740-1745-1750-1755-1760-1765-1770-1775-1780-1785-1790-1795-1800-1805-1810-1815-1820-1825-1830-1835-1840-1845-1850-1855-1860-1865-1870-1875-1880-1885-1890-1895-1900-1905-1910-1915-1920-1925-1930-1935-1940-1945-1950-1955-1960-1965-1970-1975-1980-1985-1990-1995-2000-2005-2010-2015-2020-2025-2030-2035-2040-2045-2050-2055-2060-2065-2070-2075-2080-2085-2090-2095-2100-2105-2110-2115-2120-2125-2130-2135-2140-2145-2150-2155-2160-2165-2170-2175-2180-2185-2190-2195-2200-2205-2210-2215-2220-2225-2230-2235-2240-2245-2250-2255-2260-2265-2270-2275-2280-2285-2290-2295-2300-2305-2310-2315-2320-2325-2330-2335-2340-2345-2350-2355-2360-2365-2370-2375-2380-2385-2390-2395-2400-2405-2410-2415-2420-2425-2430-2435-2440-2445-2450-2455-2460-2465-2470-2475-2480-2485-2490-2495-2500-2505-2510-2515-2520-2525-2530-2535-2540-2545-2550-2555-2560-2565-2570-2575-2580-2585-2590-2595-2600-2605-2610-2615-2620-2625-2630-2635-2640-2645-2650-2655-2660-2665-2670-2675-2680-2685-2690-2695-2700-2705-2710-2715-2720-2725-2730-2735-2740-2745-2750-2755-2760-2765-2770-2775-2780-2785-2790-2795-2800-2805-2810-2815-2820-2825-2830-2835-2840-2845-2850-2855-2860-2865-2870-2875-2880-2885-2890-2895-2900-2905-2910-2915-2920-2925-2930-2935-2940-2945-2950-2955-2960-2965-2970-2975-2980-2985-2990-2995-3000-3005-3010-3015-3020-3025-3030-3035-3040-3045-3050-3055-3060-3065-3070-3075-3080-3085-3090-3095-3100-3105-3110-3115-3120-3125-3130-3135-3140-3145-3150-3155-3160-3165-3170-3175-3180-3185-3190-3195-3200-3205-3210-3215-3220-3225-3230-3235-3240-3245-3250-3255-3260-3265-3270-3275-3280-3285-3290-3295-3300-3305-3310-3315-3320-3325-3330-3335-3340-3345-3350-3355-3360-3365-3370-3375-3380-3385-3390-3395-3400-3405-3410-3415-3420-3425-3430-3435-3440-3445-3450-3455-3460-3465-3470-3475-3480-3485-3490-3495-3500-3505-3510-3515-3520-3525-3530-3535-3540-3545-3550-3555-3560-3565-3570-3575-3580-3585-3590-3595-3600-3605-3610-3615-3620-3625-3630-3635-3640-3645-3650-3655-3660-3665-3670-3675-3680-3685-3690-3695-3700-3705-3710-3715-3720-3725-3730-3735-3740-3745-3750-3755-3760-3765-3770-3775-3780-3785-3790-3795-3800-3805-3810-3815-3820-3825-3830-3835-3840-3845-3850-3855-3860-3865-3870-3875-3880-3885-3890-3895-3900-3905-3910-3915-3920-3925-3930-3935-3940-3945-3950-3955-3960-3965-3970-3975-3980-3985-3990-3995-4000-4005-4010-4015-4020-4025-4030-4035-4040-4045-4050-4055-4060-4065-4070-4075-4080-4085-4090-4095-4100-4105-4110-4115-4120-4125-4130-4135-4140-4145-4150-4155-4160-4165-4170-4175-4180-4185-4190-4195-4200-4205-4210-4215-4220-4225-4230-4235-4240-4245-4250-4255-4260-4265-4270-4275-4280-4285-4290-4295-4300-4305-4310-4315-4320-4325-4330-4335-4340-4345-4350-4355-4360-4365-4370-4375-4380-4385-4390-4395-4400-4405-4410-4415-4420-4425-4430-4435-4440-4445-4450-4455-4460-4465-4470-4475-4480-4485-4490-4495-4500-4505-4510-4515-4520-4525-4530-4535-4540-4545-4550-4555-4560-4565-4570-4575-4580-4585-4590-4595-4600-4605-4610-4615-4620-4625-4630-4635-4640-4645-4650-4655-4660-4665-4670-4675-4680-4685-4690-4695-4700-4705-4710-4715-4720-4725-4730-4735-4740-4745-4750-4755-4760-4765-4770-4775-4780-4785-4790-4795-4800-4805-4810-4815-4820-4825-4830-4835-4840-4845-4850-4855-4860-4865-4870-4875-4880-4885-4890-4895-4900-4905-4910-4915-4920-4925-4930-4935-4940-4945-4950-4955-4960-4965-4970-4975-4980-4985-4990-4995-5000-5005-5010-5015-5020-5025-5030-5035-5040-5045-5050-5055-5060-5065-5070-5075-5080-5085-5090-5095-5100-5105-5110-5115-5120-5125-5130-5135-5140-5145-5150-5155-5160-5165-5170-5175-5180-5185-5190-5195-5200-5205-5210-5215-5220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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

## STATELY HOME

NOWADAYS, when for half-a-crown anyone may inhabit almost any stately home for the best part of an afternoon (and the deer-park for much longer at no extra charge), some of the awe and wonder of being surrounded by architectural splendour is departing, or wearing thin.

The Great Hall at Euston station has by its magnificence subdued generations of those who stand and wait to meet trains late at night, later at night, for which hope has all but been abandoned long before they slide into Euston's main arrival platform.

The Great Hall had this power once, to subdue and silence criticism.

### SMALL STUFF

BUT now, when half the population (to judge from the gate-money figures) spends half its spare time at ease amidst the glories of houses like Chawswell and Hatfield and Bletchley, the Great Hall at Euston seems very small stuff.

There are indications, indeed, that the Great Hall's charm lies now, for many people, in its cosy intimacy. A growing number seem to regard it as a kind of communal bed-sitting room. A young man named Eustace seemed to.

Eustace is a modest-looking, slim young African. At 12.20 the other morning a railway policeman found him asleep in the Great Hall.

### BACK AGAIN

"NOW, now, wake up now," said the policeman, prod-  
ding Eustace.

Eustace opened wide two large, innocent eyes, and shook a little life into himself.

"Where are you travelling to?" the policeman asked him.

Eustace yawned. "Nowhere," he said.

"Then you can't stay here," the policeman said.

"Oh, I can," said Eustace. He rose and stretched in all directions, and strolled away.

The policeman continued on his station beat. An hour later, he brought him back to the Great Hall. There was Eustace

prattled again, at his ease, on one of the comfortable seats.

**WUONG ADDRESS**  
"I THOUGHT I told you..."

The policeman began. He called for assistance. Eustace was ejected from the station. A few minutes later he returned. He was arrested then, and at Clerkenwell court, later in the morning, he pleaded guilty to trespassing on the railway's property.

"Was there any reason for his being there?" asked the magistrate, Mr. E. G. Robey.

"No, sir," said a policeman. "He has been using the hall for his last fortnight."

"He's been making the Great Hall his home?"

"I think so. He gave an address, but we tested it. He is not known there."

**KEEP AWAY**  
The magistrate turned to his probation officer, who had just come into the court-room.

"This man here," he said, with a gesture towards Eustace, "has been using Euston Station as his home and drifting about London. He needs to get a job. Can you assist him?"

"Oh, yes, sir," said the probation officer.

"The magistrate turned to Eustace. 'You must get a job of work,'" he said.

"Certainly, sir," Eustace said, with vigour.

"And you must keep away from the station, see?"

"Sah," said Eustace, but in a dull flat voice. It would not be easy to find another home to measure up in sturdiness to his last.

**MRS COMER FINED**

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The press clustered around him. He turned and snapped, "Get out of it!"

He pushed through to his wife and took her in his arms. She kissed him and smiled.

"Police kept reporters back as Mrs. Comer and his wife left. A crowd of about 100 excited men and women argued around them."

Comer and his wife entered a car as cameras clicked.

Comer told reporters, "My wife is going back to bed! And she called: 'All I want to do is get back to my babies!'"

China Mail Special.

## Sandakan Light And Power Co Annual Meeting

Addressing shareholders this morning at the annual general meeting of the Sandakan Light & Power Co. (1922) Ltd., held in the board room of the Union Trading Company, Major S. M. Churn revealed that owing to unavoidable increases in operational costs the profit for the year showed a decrease of some \$26,000.

He also declared that with the installation of a Crossley-Premier unit the Company will be in a position to meet all foreseeable demands and the stage has at last been reached when a halt can be called to the heavy drain on cash resources.

The text of the chairman's speech reads:

"After making due provision for all charges and depreciation on the usual scale, the net profit for the year was \$14,000, a reduction of some \$26,000 compared with the results of the previous year's operations."

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Shareholders will doubtless recall that our main source of revenue in the past has been the payment of saw-mills from where we can buy the cheaper waste-wood and sawdust with a minimum of handling costs.

Due to reduced output of saws under the available supply of fuel from this source was not sufficient to meet the additional demands arising from increased production, and recourse had to be made to large purchases of firewood. This type of fuel, taking into account the additional handling and transportation involved, costs approximately four times as much as local supplies.

**TACKLING PROBLEM**  
Your Directors have been in active consultation with our General Managers in Sandakan over this problem, and have decided to make a reference to fuel and wherever possible, consistent with the maintenance of safety and efficiency standards, economies are being effected.

For substantial reductions in operating costs are anticipated, however, until our 874 K.V.A. Crossley-Premier Diesel Alternator Set, to which I made reference last year, is in operation. Unfortunately, during a recent trial run a gudgeon pin bolt broke, causing damage which necessitated replacement from England of certain parts. On account of the long delivery dates quoted by the suppliers, I regret to advise that the final commissioning of this unit is now delayed until early next year.

During the year under review, a considerable amount of building has been carried out in the area which we supply and there has also been an encouraging increase in the use of all types of domestic electrical appliances. The demand for power from industrial consumers continues to grow, although on a somewhat smaller scale than in the past few years.

In order to meet this demand for both lighting and power, our existing plant is kept fully occupied, but when our Crossley-Premier unit is brought into production, it will be possible not only to meet all foreseeable demands from consumers, but also to give more maintenance overhauls to some of the older machines. Our No. 3 Boiler, which has been completely reconditioned, will also be in commission in the near future, thus making available a further 250 K.V.A. to our generating capacity.

**NETWORK ENLARGED**  
In addition to the necessity for increasing our generating capacity, it has also been necessary to spend considerable sums on enlarging further our distribution network by new mains, additions to existing mains, transformers, meters, etc. From a study of the comparative figures shown in the Balance Sheet under Fixed Assets you will note that altogether the considerable sum of \$508,000 has been expended under this head.

The major portion of this expenditure represents the balance of the purchase price and erection costs (including the engine house) of the Crossley-Premier Alternator, amounting to \$350,000. Other additions to Electrical and Sundry Plant amounted to \$22,500. Mains, etc. referred to above, \$47,000, and Staff Accommodation and Sundries \$70,000.

As I said earlier, with the installation of our Crossley-Premier unit we will be in a position to meet all foreseeable demands on our capacity and the stage has at last been reached, therefore, when we can safely call a halt to this heavy drain on our cash resources.

Although this expenditure was met mainly from current revenue, it was necessary to draw against our overdraft facilities to the extent of \$240,000. With the ready co-operation of our Bankers these facilities have been extended for a further period of three years to December 31, 1958, subject to a gradual reduction of the facilities over this period.

**PRUDENT POLICY**  
Until the full benefits of our expansion programme are realised, your Directors consider it prudent to continue their conservative policy as to dividends and accordingly have recommended in their Report the same dividend as last year, namely, 30 cents per share.

The Accounts before you follow the usual form of previous years and I do not think there are any items calling for special comment or explanation other than possibly the Depreciation charge in Profit and Loss Account, which is reduced by \$24,300 from that of last year. This difference is not due to any large scale reductions in our provisions for depreciation but to the fact that the 1953/54 Accounts bore a larger charge than normally, due to excessive deterioration in the condition of our No. 1 Diesel Chimney.

The main portion of the balance of \$102,750 appearing under Debtors and Debt Balances represents Consumers' Accounts for the month of June, 1955, which have since been collected. On the Liabilities side the Balance Sheet the amount shown as due to Sundry Creditors has now been paid, leaving the item Loan Payable \$86,000, which is due for repayment to our parent company, China Provision Loan & Mortgage Co. Ltd., during the current year.

You will note that our commitments for Capital Expenditure not included in the Accounts before you amount only to \$28,300 as compared with \$320,000 at this period last year.

I feel confident that the benefits from the expansion policy adopted by your Board will soon become apparent and will be reflected, albeit to a small extent, in the results of the current year's operations.

In conclusion, I am pleased to report that our Power Station has again operated throughout the year without any serious breakdowns, despite the considerable strain to which the plant has been subjected, and due credit must be given for this to our Manager and Resident Engineer and his hard-working staff.

**Attack On Ship Confirmed**  
A report has been received from the Master of the British merchant ship *Hydrolock* that his ship was attacked by two Nationalist jet aircraft while she was entering the Min River at 2.45 p.m. on Monday, December 5.

The Master stated that the ship sustained 25 bullet holes in the superstructure, but that no casualties were inflicted.

**EARTH TREMOR**  
Tokyo, Dec. 8. A slight earth tremor shook Tokyo and the surrounding countryside this morning. The Tokyo Observatory said the epicentre was in the Pacific Ocean off Ibaraki prefecture, north of Tokyo.

No damage or casualties were reported.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"How are we ever going to get out for dates? Pop says he doesn't understand why we can't watch the movies on TV!"

## Two Sentenced For Assaulting PCs

Pleading guilty to a charge of assaulting a police officer occasioning actual bodily harm, Yau Siu, alias Hak Ka Chai, 26, was sentenced to two years and nine months by Judge J. Reynolds at the Victoria District Court this morning.

A second accused, Li Tsang, alias Tau Ngau Chai, 31, was sentenced to 15 months for the same offence.

A second charge of wounding the police officer with intent to do him grievous bodily harm, to which the accused pleaded not guilty, was dismissed when the Prosecution offered no evidence.

Both accused were represented by Mr. Lawrence Leong, instructed by Mr. P. L. Lam.

Insp. K. Bodie said at 1 a.m. on September 11, two off duty police officers, PC4096 and PC4246, while passing by the Yung King Restaurant, Wanchai, saw a man, So Fung, a captain employed by the restaurant, being assaulted by both accused outside the elevator door.

They went over to interfere with the fight at the same time revealing they were police officers. Second accused then punched PC4096 in the stomach with his fist whilst the first accused produced a motor cycle chain and swung it at the other constable who was struck on the right hand trying to ward off the blow.

The two accused then ran away, chased by the two constables, who were later joined by two detectives.

PC4246 was found to have a five-inch long abrasion on the right forearm and a fracture of the right hand. Though not detained, he had to attend the hospital for treatment for two weeks.

**MITIGATING PLEA**  
In mitigation, Mr. Leong said the fight was caused by the jealousy through the captain of the restaurant making improper advances to the wife of the accused's friend. Both accused were under the influence of drink.

The chain, Mr. Leong said, was a genuine one and it had no handle or other accessories attached to it. The injuries caused to PC4246, though serious, did not cause the constable to be detained in hospital.

**Radio Hongkong**  
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